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Patten, Lamont attack Heseltine plans

Thatcher camp expecting first round victory

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

MARGARET Thatcher's campaign team ended the first day of the Tory leadership contest con-fident that she had the yotes to win on the first ballot next Tuesday.

Cabinet ministers rallied behind her. The environment secretary, Chris Pat-ten criticised Michael Heseltine's plans for reforming the poll tax; Norman Lamont, chief secretary to the Treasury, strongly en-dorsed her approach to

But the Heseltine camp was taking heart from opinion polls indicating that Labour's lead would be cut sharply if he were to become Conservative

Mis Thatcher, cool and outwardly confident, said at her last Commons question time before the poll: "After three general election victories, leading the only party with electropics resolutely." with clear policies resolutely carried out, I intend to continue." She smiled when Labour left winger Dennis Skinner shouted over complaints of noise in the Commons: "All this will change under Heseltine", and said that she would be back next Wednesday with

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EC intervention



The EC's Environment Commissioner, Carlo Ripa di Meana (above) is likely to tell the Government that it must reassess the scheme to build a motorway crossing over the Thames - a move which could affect the M3 Twyford

Girl's ordeal

A schoolgirl described to court yesterday how she fell into "a deep sleep" and a frightening dream as a man with a moustache strangled her on Devil's Dyke on the South Downs, where he left her for dead after a sexual Page 5

Charges dropped Charges against a business men and a scientist, accused earlier this year of illegally exporting parts of a huge artillery weapon to Iraq, were dropped by Customs

Kenya reforms

investigators

President Moi of Kenya is expected to approve signifi-cant constitutional reforms, including the abolition of

sundard Cricket fixtures The full list of first-class cricket fixtures for 1991 will be published in The Times

tomorrow.

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When the Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown, pointed out that she had said in an interview five years ago this week that she would retire in five years' time for someone else to carry the Conservative torch, she replied that the 1985 interview had not been in the forefront of her mind at present.

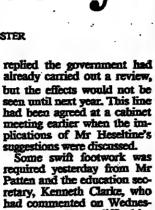
Ouestion time also gave
Neil Kinnock his first opportunity to challenge Mrs.
Thatcher on the points raised
in Sir Geoffrey Howe's
resignation speech on Tuesday. But she avoided a direct answer when he asked her to confirm that she had agreed to the Madrid conditions for Britain's entry to the Euro-

pean exchange-rate mechanism last year only because Nigel Lawson and Sir Geoffrey had threatened to quit. The leadership tussle, for which nominations closed at noon with Mrs Thatcher and

criticise Mr Heseltine's pledge of a poll tax review, with education spending possibly ment. Mr Taylor said that local education authorities in Britain had spent £18.6 billion last year. "If the share carried by the poll tax was transferred to national taxation, this would mean an increase in income tax of 20 per cent, or more than 5p in the pound." The prime minister replied: "If all education costs were transferred to central government and the grant still left with local government, it would mean a huge increase in

income tax or a substantial reduction in monics available for other services such as health, pensions, defence and law and order. Either you get a big increase in income tax or substantial reductions in public expenditure."

Asked by the Labour MP Alistair Darling if she thought the poll tax was capable of overhaul, the prime minister



retary, Kenneth Clarke, who had commented on Wednesday that poll tax difficulties had still to be sorted out in a further review. That appeared to go against government policy because the environment department review resulted in July in a £3 billion package to cushion the impact Interviewed on BBC Radio

4's The World at One, Mr Patten said that the review was over but added: "We are always prepared to look at any new proposals that anyone might have for further improving the system of local government finance." A concerted effort will be

made by the Thatcher camp to suggest that while Mr Heseltine is a charismatic politician good on the broad sweep of ideas, he does not have Mrs Thatcher's capacity for detail.

They are brushing aside the poll evidence that a Heseltine leadership would have a dra-Continued on page 24, col 1



Mrs Thatcher at her desk in Downing Street yesterday: "I intend to continue"

Challenger's wife shuns ambition

ANNE Heachine says in an heard in her car. "Goodness, I interview with The Times nearly drow today that she is "not political" and tends to feel "like a politic man." spare thumb when I just trail along as the wife".

She says her husband "defirun against Margaret Thatcher for the leadership only on Toesday night, after Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation speech, which Mrs Heseltine



Mrs Heseltine: decision

nearly drove off the road. Geoffrey is usually such a

Mrs Heseltine says the famcandidacy out in the open. mud flying over the next week or so, I daresay the adrenalin will float us all through it. "As far as Michael's career

is concerned", she says: "I want him to succeed, but I don't want it for myself, not at all. Some Westminster wives do, terribly, and get angry and frustrated when their husbands fail or resign. I don't.

"When he came home after resigning from the cabinet over] Westland I was sad for him, because he minded a lot, but not for the rest of us."

A colleague who works on, an appeal run by Mrs Heseltine says that working with her is like handling an extremely good, well-bred horse: You suggest something to her as a possibility, and suddenly she's jumped at

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made on Tuesday night

Runcie says war could be just

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

A GULF war could be the standing ovation but his reily is relieved to have the candidacy out in the open.
"Now, even if there's a bit of mud flying over the next week presidential address to the lamentary CND group, who General Synod of the Church of England yesterday.

Although he urged that sanctions against Iraq be given at least a year to take effect, be did not rule out the use of force in the last resort. He also said that the country must face the "bleak, horrible fact" that casualties from such action would include civilians.

"Despite all the horrors and misery that war would certainly involve, we have to face the facts that it could be the lesser of two evils. We are not yet in that position because the sanctions have not had enough time to work their full effect, but we could reach that position if, for whatever reason, it became clear that the sanctions were not going to work." Dr Runcie said.

"Of one thing I am quite sure: while we must use every ns short of war to enforce the UN policy, it would be foolish to rule out the use of force in the last resort."

In an oblique attack on Margaret Thatcher, the prime minister, Dr Runcie criticised proposals for war tribunals to bring President Saddam Hus-sein of Iraq to book. "I am-bound to say that threats of war crimes tribunals can only be a disincentive to Iraqi withdrawal," he said.

Dr Runcie, awarded the Military Cross in the second world war, added: "We must. set aside romantic ideas of a surgical strike ... We must face the bleak, horrible fact that a war could not be confined to the professional soldiers, airmen and sailors." The archbishop was given a

said the archbishop should demonstrate his support for a just war "by being oo the froot

The Gulf Support Group said Dr Runcie's speech was "totally and utterly in line with our feelings that it is a horrific crisis that no one has yet been able to resolve."

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More than 1.7 million jobless

MORE than 1.7 million people are now unemployed, and Michael Howard, the employment secretary, admitted that dole queues were likely to lengthen in the runup to Christmas.

The number of jobless rose by 32,200 to 1,702,700 in October, the biggest monthly rise since March 1986. The annual increase in average earnings went up to 10.25 per cent in the year to September, 0.25 per cent higher than the revised rate for the previous

Mr Howard described the figures as "disappointing". He said unemployment may con-tinue to rise in the months immediately ahead, but that job prospects would improve with a resumption of growth.

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Britain sets up a £20m fund for Moscow

By Andrew McEwen and Mary Dejevsky

IN AN important policy shift, Britain yesterday dropped its refusal to aid the Soviet Union and announced a £20 million fund to help transfer British skills and expertise.

It is not, however, likely to take part in contingency plans which Washington is drawing up to send emergency food supplies to the Soviet Union

The British and US moves came amid further evidence of problems in the Soviet economy. Moscow city council postponed a decision on food rationing amid disagreement over whether it would help or

hinder supplies.
The Russian Federation and the central Soviet government were in dispute over the government's decision to free prices of designated luxury goods, while Mnscovites began queuing at dawn hoping that goods not previously available in state shops would be offered for sale.

Although small in relation to Moscow's problems, the British fund sets a precedent. Until now London's view has been that spending money on Soviet problems would be like pouring money into a hole.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, announced the move in a speech to a group of schools in Oxford. He said that the government had decided to establish a Know-How Fund for the Soviet Union, separate from the existing Know-How Fund for Eastern Europe, whose fund-ing was increased from £15 to £30 million in the Chan-cellor's autumn statement.

The Soviet fund will be spent over two years, but he described the £20 million as "an initial sum", implying that there will be more later. It will be used in four sectors: food distribution and agriculture, the energy industry, formation of small businesses

breakdown of the Soviet economy and fears that collapse could follow. There has been astonishment that the huge Soviet oil industry has begun to falter and may now need British advice, something which would have been unimaginable a few years ago. Britain is not planning to rive food aid or other types of

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and financial services. The aim will be to help Soviet managers and professionals to acquire skills to make a success of a market economy. prompted by concern over the Guns young and old

Our colour magazine for young readers previews Young Guns and rides some older Western ranges Order The Times today

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New human rights

By Andrew McEwen, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE declaration to be signed by 34 nations at a summit on Wednesday in Paris to mark the end of the Cold War will include a charter of human rights proposed by Margaret

If Mrs Thatcher is still prime minister her signature will appear on the document along with those of Presidents Bush and Gorbachev and the leaders of Canada and every European nation except Albania.

What will happen if she loses the leadership vote on man rights, democracy and Tuesday is unclear, but she the rule of law it sets out

Another jours

will already have addressed basic principles which go be the meeting on Monday. The declaration by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe will lay the basis for a new East-West relationship, including improved standards

on himan rights. in a speech at Aspen in August Mrs Thatcher proposal that it should include a "Magna Carta" of rights has been taken up. The title has not been settled but is likely to include the word "charter" Under the heading: "Hu-

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

SIR Raiph Halpern has left the Burton

Group with a pension of £456,000 a year

for life and a £2 million golden

handshake, which should help to keep him in the style to which he has

accustomed himself, although his friends believe he is disappointed. He

Sir Ralph, aged 52, , was once Britain's highest-paid businessman at £1.3 mil-

hon. His departure coincides with a 39

per cent fall in Burton's pre-tax profits to

£133 million. Sir John Hoskyns, who

replaces Sir Ralph as chairman of the

group, said that his predecessor's depar-ture was by mutual consent.

Outside his Nash house in Hanover

Terrace, overlooking Regent's Park, Sir Ralph said yesterday that he had not yet

made any long-term plans, but intended to take a holiday. He may not wish to

was looking for a lot more," one said.

yond previous declarations. The Conference began its attempts to set common standards with the Helsinki Final Declaration of 1975, and has subsequently continued to make improvements.

The new section includes the passage: "Everyone also has the right to know and act upon his rights, to participate in free and fair elections; to own property alone or in association and to exercise individual enterorise".

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Sir Ralph leaves Burton without going for one

doubtless continue to enjoy his personal version of the good life. Friends say he likes to be fashionable and to keep up appearances. His house is beautifully furnished with antiques and classical paintings. It also sports anelectric organ with a microphone which allows him to sing along as he plays (he can, indeed, occasionally be persuaded to sing for his guests). There is a gym where he can indulge his passion for health and fitness: his Burton office was

retain the three personal bodyguards,

who were paid for by Burton but he will

decorated with dishes of "energising crystals brought from America. Sir Ralph also has a large country property at Horsell, Surrey. But his main passion is exotic cars. His company car at one time was an Aston Martin, and he invested privately in Ferraris, once owning several at the same time.

Sir Ralph attended St Christopher

School, Letchworth, his parents baving fled Austria in the late 1930s and settled in north London. He had been with the Burton group for 30 years, building up chains such as Top Shop, Dorothy Perkins and Principles from the once struggling business. In 1985 he bought Debenhams for £550 million.

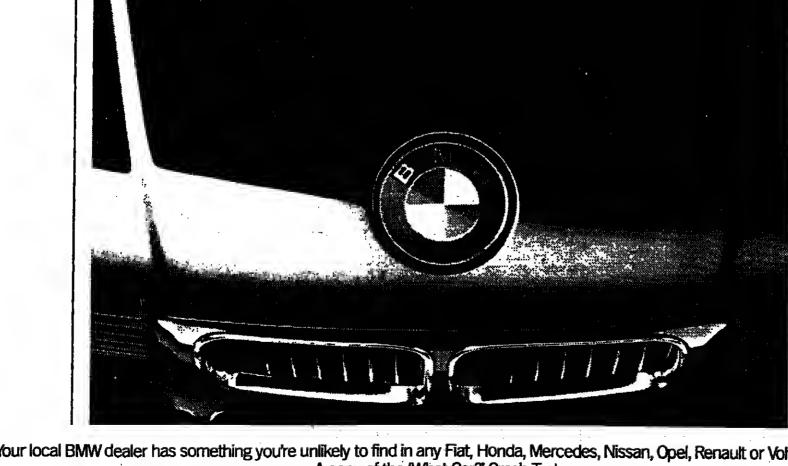
The City, however, disliked his theatrical approach, and his private life eventually made tabloid headlines over an affair with a model. One friend said: "The Fiona Wright affair on its own would not have damaged Ralph. No one thought any less of him because of it. It blew the possibility of a peerage out of the water, that was all. But in conjunction with controversy over his salary, his image was affected. It didn't help that he was not public school."

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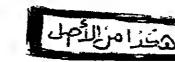
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New-style cockney MP champions **Thatcher**

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Amess, the youthful depth of Mrs Thatcher's un-MP for Basildon, epitomises the changes wrought in the make-up of the Conservative party under Mrs Thatcher's leadership. The cockney grammar school boy, whose parents were an electrician and a tea lady, entered Parliament in he won the Essex constituency that had been assumed to he a safe Labour seat

He credits his victory to Margaret Thatcher's populist policies, particularly her encouragement of home ownership and the taming of the trade unions, and her robust nationalism. In spite of the government's present diffi-culties and his shim 2,649 government's present diffi-culties and his slim 2,649 Howe's resignation speech," majority, Mr Amess will not Mr Batiste said. "I am worried support Michael Heseltine, who claims to have a better chance than Mrs Thatcher of leading the Tories to a fourth

general election victory.

Mr Amess, aged 38, said
that he would vote for Mrs Thatcher because of her strong leadership of the country and because of her stance on the European Community. "She stands up for Britain in Europe and the world and 1 share her doubts about developments in Europe.

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She is experienced and at a time when there could be conflict in the Gulf, we need a strong leader. There has oever been much love lost between Mrs Thatcher and the general public, but though she is someone who brings out very strong emotions there has always been great respect for her. Voters know where they stand with her and at this time it is oot in the interests of

Britain to change leaders." In the opposing camp is Spencer Batiste, the MP for Elmet, a constituency on the eastern outskirts of Leeds. His most recent task for the party was to act as a "minder" for the Tory candidate in the Bradford North by-election. It was a dispiriting time for him and during two weeks' can-vassing he discovered the

a change of leader. The time has come for Mrs Thatcher to

Mr Batiste, who has a 5,356 majority, said that Mr Heseltine had shown the leadership qualities necessary to be prime minister. "He has had the guts to stand op and make a challenge. Over the last few months on the doorsteps there has been far more support for him than for Mrs Thatcher. 1 think he will he a leader who will be able to unite the party and bring many very good people who are on the back benches into government."



Lee: "Mrs Thatcher is not right for the 1990s"

Why I am voting for Heseltine

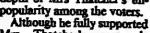
JOHN Lee, aged 48, is a member of an endangered species: Conservative MPs representing marginal northem seats (Nicholas Wood

Mr Lee resigned from the government nearly 18 months ago after six years as a junior minister to ourse his 2,639 majority in Pendle, oorthwest Lancashire. He has been particularly troubled by the poll tax in an area with a lot of low-rated houses. He is on the centre-left of the party and he will vote for Miehael Heseltine, "a conviction poli-tician and a healer".

"Michael will bring vision, flair and energy to the job and he will put new life and spirit into the Conservative party. Were he to become leader, one would see immmediately a dramatic increase in our poll ratings," he said. "An election victory, which looks frankly increasingly remote under the present prime minister, would be very likely. Certainly, as one who represents a highly marginal seat in northwest England, I have no doubt at all that my chances of re-election would he substantially improved with a change of

The Pendle MP worked for Mr Heseltine when he was defence secretary. He was conscious then of serving a "hig minister" capable of taking tough decisions. Mr Lee also shares Mr Heseltine's enthusiasm for Europe, his commitment to greater government support for manufacturing industry and his belief that the "political disaster" of the poll tax needs a fun-

damental overhaul. "I have been saddened by the prime minister's apparent image as a reluctant European. With Michael, we would be in the vanguard rather than the guard's van." Margaret Thatcher was the leader the country needed io the 1980s, but she is not the right person to take the Tories into the 1990s.



popularity among the voters. Although he fully supported Mrs Thatcher's economic policies when he entered Par-hament in 1983, Mr Bariste, aged 45, will back Mr Heseltine because of his promlady, entered Parliament in ise to review the poll tax. He the 1983 Tory landslide when said that on the doorstep the prime government's difficulties over the poll tax were inextricably linked with the

Mr Batiste also attaches

Heseltine's more positive atti-tude on Europe. The prime minister's credibility in negotiating for Britain has been that the prime minister's attitude will leave Britain mar-ginalised in Europe. You cannot speak to Helmut Kohl or François Mitterrand with the language you would use in talking to Arthur Scargill, and in doing so the prime minister is harming British interests". He also believes that after eleven years with the same prime minister, the country is m the mood for a change.

"There are a lot of people who have loyally voted Conservative who say the party needs

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proved her worth" Why I am voting for **Thatcher**

ROBERT Dunn, aged 44, could be the only secondary modern pupil to have become an education minister (Nicholas Wood writes).

A committed right-winger, he held his junior post for five years before being dismissed in 1988. This places him among the potentially dis-gruntled group of 78 Tory MPs who no longer enjoy the fruits of office or the front bench. Nevertheless, Mr Dunn, who has built up a 14,929 majority in once mar-ginal Dartford in Kent, is backing the prime minister.

"I will vote for Margaret Thatcher because we have had Il years of strong leadership. That's what people admire about Margaret Thatcher. They admire the strength of leadership she has given on every front and they know that when she takes on a challenge or a battle, she will see it through to the end.

"A change of leadership will play into the hands of the Labour party, who are laughing their socks off at what we are getting up to. Activists in my constituency are bewildered and upset that we are shooting each other in the foot.

would not support Michael Heseltine because Margaret Thatcher has proved her worth. She has a strong philosophy, she has worked hard for this country and she has given us an image abroad that makes us second to none. "The sad thing about this

wretched event is that it has become a debate about style. There is an awful lot of agreement between those of us who support the prime min-ister, and Michael and many of those who support him." Mr Dunn added that he hoped that the Conservatives would unite after the leadership was settled. Only a united party could fulfil its chief purpose of denying Labour

power and delivering policies

distilled from the lively battle

of ideas within Tory ranks.



runs across stony ground

By KERRY GILL

General election, 1987

Lab majority: 14,442.

THERE were no cheering supporters, flags or bunting to greet Michael Heseltine's arrival in Paisley last night as he started his leadership campaign with a speech at the town hall. The main street, shrouded in gloom and Scotch mist, was festooned with Scottish Nationalist posters.

If Mr Heseltine believes he can attract voters whom Mrs Lab majority: 15,785. Thatcher can no longer reach, few of them were roaming the streets of Paisley yesterday. Apart from the two Tory-candidates and their aides, it

was difficult to identify anyone likely to vote Conservative in the forthcoming byelections, never mind anyone the least interested in who would end up as party leader.

Paisley is not natural territory for Mr Heseltine. - The Tory candidates, Ewan Marwick in Paisley North and John Workman in Paisley South, might have been expected to welcome his visit to boost their fortunes in the byelections, brought about by press conference, both ex-pressed a distinct lack of enthusiasm for his challenge to Mrs Thatcher.

Not even the prospect of Mr Heschine's promise to revise the poll tax was welcomed by the candidates sitting with Allan Stewart, MP for Eastwood, and Bill Walker, MP for Tayside North. Asked if it was fair to say that the team was unconvinced by Mr Hesel-tine's stated policy changes,

Mr Stewart agreed.
"Michael Heseltine is not launching his campaign for the leadership here. He is coming to support the can-didates. His campaign has long time ago. There is no. question of any embarrass-ment to us," he said.

poll tax is about paying for the

Paisley North: Adams (Lab) 20,193; McCartin (SDP/All) 5,751; Laing (C) 5,741; Taylor (SNP) 4,696. but, it was clear, the national- He was seconded by Sir ists could count on her vote on

backbeach MP putting per-sonal ambitioo and egotism

before any loyalty to the party

or to the government, and his

willingness to damage the

the party, our very own enemy

within, against who we must

know, can only get better.

party in the process.

always be vigilant."

Paisley South: Buchan (Lab) November 29. 21,611; Carmichael (L/All) Later, the national officers 5,826; Williamson (C) 5,644; Minchell (SNP) 5,398. vatives issued a statement attacking Mr Heseltine's deservices should pay for them.

Uotil Mr Heseltine puts forward an alternative I am happy to stand on the doorsteps and convince people the poll tax is right." Mr Marwick agreed that there was no need

A two-hour search of the constituencies failed to find any Tory posters in windows. The party staff advised The Times to drive to the Raiston district to find evidence of support. Enid Park, out walking her dog, said: "You can't believe a word any of them [politicians] say. I used to vote travel to Lanark to address support for him over the Tory but. I will probably vote local Tories. Things, be must weekend. the deaths of the sitting MPs. for the Liberal Democrats, Instead, at their joint morning anything to keep Labour out." Would Mr. Heseltine be

more popular than Mrs

Thatcher? "It is immaterial. There is not much difference. They have to blame somebody. Mrs Thatcher is a woman so she is fair game, Mrs Park said, John Gauldie a retired plant engineer, said: "I would not vote for the present government anyway. It is against my whole way of life. The poll tax has been torpedoing the Tories for a long time." He was unconvinced that Mr Heseltine would make much difference.

Mr Gauldie said that when he bought his house 35 years

didates. His campaign has ago his annual rates bill was already been taunched in any £27. He now paid £1,100 in event. His visit was arranged a poll tax for himself and his two daughters. "Services are no more than I had quarter of a century ago," he added. Anne Conroy admitted she

Mr Workman said: "The voted for the nationalists in services people use locally, the last general election. "I The people who use the don't like Mrs Thatcher at all.

'go to challenger'

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Neil Macfarlane, the for-I doo't believe a woman prime minister is a good thing," she said. Mrs Conroy said an overhaul of the poll tax by Mr Heseltine might make it fairer for oext Tuesday's contest.

Peter Tapsell, MP for Lindsey

With the government, parof the Scottish Young Conser- ticularly the cabinet, dutybound to sopport Mrs Thatcher in public, Mr Hesel-tine is unable to call on cision to stand against the time is unable to call on prime minister. It read: "It is mioisters to help his sad to witness a senior campaign.

Even so, Mr Heseltine's backers claim that a oumber of ministers are certain to back him in the vote, and have told him so. The Thatcher camp yes

"It is these people, the Howes, the Heaths, the Heath terday claimed that Heseltine campaign lacked heavyweight support. Howtines, a pathetic collection of deadbeats who are a constant ever, the former cabinet ministers David Howell and Sir source of embarrassment to Ian Gilmour have already indicated backing for him, and there are signs that other Today Mr Heseltine will former ministers may declare

Sir Peter said: "Michael is

the man to heal the wounds because the essential plack of his programme is that he does oot intend to have a 'him and them' approach to govern-ment. He will have every section of the party represented in government at every

The Heseltine camp yes-terday reported good progress in its campaign. Mr Heseltine himself said: "I am very flattered by the support I have received. There are a large oumber of people who have expressed their support for me

and I understand it is growing While Michael Mates, Mr Heseltine's campaign manager, remains at the nerve centre in the former defence secretary's Westminster office, a dedicated group of close

followers has been working in the Commons. They include Keith Hampson, who has long been one of his chief lieutenants, and William Powell, Malcolm Thorn-Peter Temple-Morris, and Ouentin Davies, who are each targeting supporters from

different regions.

Company money may fund training schemes

By TIM JONES **EMPLOYMENT** CORRESPONDENT

IF MICHAEL Heseltine becomes prime minister oext week he will seek to introduce cootroversial legislation compelling companies to contribute frods to finance training and enterprise schemes.

As part of his proposal designed to bridge what he perceives to be a damaging and growing gap in skills and expertise between Britaio and its leading competitors, com-panies would be forced to

"pay their way".

The Department of Trade and Industry would be stripped of its central role as adviser on export standards and the responsibility passed on to locally run private sector

His proposals, he told businessmen at Henley management college, would make it impossible for those who did not want to pay their way to opt out. It would then be possible to privatise the training schemes to make them more effective and sensitive to

particular needs. "What you do is reduce corporation tax by I per cent and before they actually get their hands on the money you put a 1 per cent levy on profits which goes to the local agency responsible for delivering these services." Mr Heselune

"You then privatise all the London services so that you have local industrialists running local advisory services, and there is a comprehensive fuoding io the private sector to make it all possible."

Once this was achieved, he said, the residual problem of unemployment could be dealt

Mr Heseltine said that one of his first priorities if he became prime minister would be to denationalise the Bank of England and turn it into a British equivalent of the German Bundesbank. He emphasised that he regarded the politically controlled role of the Bank of England as a serious obstacle to economie and investment stratergy.

"We seem to have dooe wonderful things with privatisation. But I just wish we'd start at the beginning and take the independence of the Bank of England as the first priority in charging it with the respoosibility for the protection of the value of the currency," he



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Differing diaries for dramatic days

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

MARGARET Thatcher has left herself little time over the next five days to ponder her fate in the leadership challenge, whereas, from to-night, Michael Heseltine has virtually cleared his diary. Uppermost in the mind of

the prime minister, her aides insist, is her preparation for oext week's Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in

By comparison, Mr Hes-eltine today finishes his two-day visit in Scotland with a constituency dinner at Strathkelvin and Bearsden, near Glasgow. The marginal seat is held by the Labour MP Sam Galbraith. The former defence sec-

retary will return tonight to his country home near Banbury, Oxfordshire, for a quiet weekend. On Sunday he will emerge for a carefully staged photo-opportunity before the world's media. No interviews will be given. He is expected to return to London, and his diary for Monday and Tuesday has beeo left clear.

Mrs Thatcher will leave Downing Street tonight for a weekend at Chequers. She has no plans to see her campaign advisers or business managers personally, her officials say.

Instead she will put the finishing touches to her speech to the Paris conference. On Sunday evening she flies to France. She will deliver her speech on Monday and spend the rest of the day in the conference hall or in talks with other leaders.

She remains in Paris throughout the run-up and counting of the leadership ballot. In her absence, prime minister's question time at 3.15pm on Tuesday will be taken for the first time by John MacGregor, Sir Geoffrey Howe's successor as leader of the Commons.

she will be at 6pm when the ballot papers of the 372 eligible Tory MPS are counted. She is planning to fly back and report to MPs on Wednesday afternoon on the CSCE talks after the signing of the conventional arms treaty negotiated by the 22 Nato and Warsaw

Her advisers cannot pre-

dict exactly where in Paris

RSPCA dead pony advert ruled to be too offensive

THE Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was yesterday accused by the Advertising Standards Authority of causing unjustified shock and distress in a publicity campaign to mobilse public support for an end of live animals for slaughter.

One of the photographs used in the campaign, showing a dead pony hanging from a meat book, was a shocking and graphic portrayal, the authority, which supervises the British code of advertising practice, said. The authority called for the immediate withdrawal of the advertisement.

Gavin Grant, campaigns director of the RSPCA, called the authority's ruling high-handed and said it would be a staggering blow to the society's campaign. "It is ironic that glossy pictures of dead animals for trivial purposes, like whisky advertisements sur-rounded by dead grouse, are acceptable. Yet they throw up their hands in horror at the RSPCA's attempt to alert people to the tragic fate that could await British horses," he said. The dead pony photograph was one of three advert-

erately set out to engineer a

confrontation with the gov-

ernment over poll tax capping will get no support from their

David Blunkett, the party's

party, it emerged yesterday.

local government spokesman.

said that while Labour would

support councils which were

unable to make cuts without

sacrificing vital sevices, it

would not condone "political

confrontation". There are

Labour councils are preparing

to make big cuts rather than

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ericks, particularly in London,

would like to persuade their

councils to make a stand

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double-page spreads in The Times, The Independent, The Daily Telegraph, The Scots-man and The Glasgow Herald. The society tast night said plans to repeat the advertise-ment in *The Guardian*, *The*



Detail from the RSPCA's

their budgets for next year on

not designed to precipitate

central government, but to set

a rational framework for bud-

get-making in the difficult

If Labour councils were

forced into a position where

they had to face capping to

defend vital services, Mr

stand by them. In an article to

be published in Labour Party

months abead," he said.

political confrontation with

"The strategy suggested is

the basis of local need.

Labour warning on

poll tax capping

By Douglas Broom, Local Government correspondent

LABOUR councils that delib-terday that councils should set

increasing indications that Blunkett said the party would

acceptable. Publishers should have recard to the sensitivities of their readers before publish-Aberdeen Press and Journal and three party political publications would be droping advertisements which provoke revulsion." The authority said the pic-ture was distressing and irreleped. Matti Alderson, director vant, because the issue addressed by the advertise was the transportation of live animals not their method of slaughter. The RSPCA would be asked for substantiation

that the photograph was an accurate reflection of the way in which horses were conveyed after slaughter. Caroline Crawford, the authority's press officer, said the code required that the content of advertisements should not cause grave or widespread offence or excite distress merely in pursuit of an attempt to attract attention or shock. This particular

general of the authority, said: "The RSPCA understandably

wants to draw attention to its causes but this advertisement

exceeds the bounds of what is

advertisement was a clear breach of the code," she said. Launching the campaign last Tuesday, Mr Grant admitted that the pony in the picture had been slaughtered perfectly legally and humanely but said its use was legitimate as a "potent symbol" of the society's concern that the export of bve horses to the Continent for slaughter might have to be resumed when the single market takes effect after 1992.

Freshly butchered horse-meat is popular in France and Belgium. Britain has effectively banned the live horse trade for food purposes since 1950 by allowing only animals above a specified value and age to be exported. The Enropean Commission regards this as a restraint on trade that cannot continue after 1992.

"The Advertising Standards Authority clearly do not regard the threat that British horses could in future undergo the suffering and torture of long-distance transport to the Continent for slaughter as a serious matter," Mr Grant said. "They are totally out of touch with the concerns of the British public and media."

face capping as this involves News next month, he says intervention in their affairs at councils should "give serious consideration to the capping Last year the authority asked the society to substancriteria without allowing these It is clear, however, that a rules to be the sole determinumber of hard-Left may-nant of decisions". tiate or delete a claim in an advertisement, featuring a pile The government's new capof dead dogs, that the number of animals being killed had ping powers, which will force councils to abide by targets set increased because of the aboliby Mr Patten, will mean that tion of the dog licence. The claim was later omitted from environment secretary. Mr most councils will be eff-Blunkett made it clear yes- ectively capped next year. the advertisement,

Radical reforms sought in equal pay laws

By Frances Gibs LEGAL AFFAIRS

RADICAL proposals to reform the equal pay laws so that a pay award won by an individual would automatically be given to all employees at the workplace are called for by the Equal Opportunities Commission today.

The commission, which

condemns the present equal pay laws as a "paradise for lawyers, hell for women", says that in spite of the existence of the equal pay laws for the past seven years, there is a substantial gap between the wages and salaries of men and women in Britain. This shows no signs of

narrowing.

The commission calls for a statutory requirement that when an employee brings a successful equal pay claim at a tribunal, all employees in the same workplace doing the same or similar work should be entitled to the same award,

including back pay.

In spite of the growth of individual contracts and merit pay, employers in general make arrangements for pay and other benefits collectively. Such sex discriminatory agreements can be tackled only through individual cases. However, the commission says, changes in law are needed to make the remedy more effective and to eliminate sex discrimination of both individuals and groups of workers.

The commission also calls for a new kind of "class action" so that collective pay agreements at a workplace could be challenged at industrial tribunals by any interested party, including the commission itself. The tribunal would then be able to order that sex discriminatory terms in collective agreements and pay structures be changed or removed.

That kind of formal mechanism to challenge pay struc-tures is needed if serious progress is to be made towards eliminating pay discrimination, it says. At present, few cases are brought because of the length of time and cost involved. The average time for a claim to go through the full equal value procedure is 17 months. Cases can cost several thousand pounds to bring as they are often the subject of sustained challenge by employers, the commissioo says. Legal aid is not available so trade unions or the commission pay for most claims.

Watchdog calls for new laws to fight rising charity fraud

damage Britain's £13 billion-a-year charity industry until the government brings in new laws to strengthen the powers of the Charity Commission, the National Audit Office says today.

The public spending watchdog found that most charmes still fail to put in accounts to the commission or to recort changes to their registration, making it more difficult to detect abuses. Although the commission was computerising its records and was stepping up staff training, legislation was needed urgently to tighten controls.

The report backs up earlier recom-

mendations from the Commons public accounts committee and the senior civil servant Sir Philip Woodfield for better regulation to stop fraud, abuse and maladministration in the charity industry, which is expanding rapidly. The government published a white paper last year promising charity law reform

and is pledged to introduce a bill during this parliament. But no legislation was

announced in the Queen's speech.

The audit office, which reports to the public accounts committee, said: "The effective control of fraud and abuse and the (Charity) Commission's ability to call in accounts and returns are dependent on new legislation. The total size of charity business and the continuing evidence of abuse suggest that there would be value in ensuring that legislation is introduced within the

lifetime of the present parliament." The Woodfield report, backed by the government, called for legislation to ban people convicted of offences including frand or dishonesty from becoming charity trustees and to freeze bank accounts or transfer control of a charity's funds if mismanagement was

The audit office report says that no checking system for charities will work

properly until the Charity Commis-sion's register is on computer, the law is strengthened and staff are trained to detect fraud. "Uotil then it will continue to be of concern that the majority of charites are failing to notify the commission of changes to details on the register and to submit accounts."

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The commission said the register should be 80 to 90 per cent accurate by 1993-4. The government has rejected the Woodfield report recommendation that charities failing to put in account should be struck off the register.

The commission started to call in accounts of all active registered charities last month using the new conputerised system. The audit office reported: "In 1989 only 15,200 so counts were submitted, though another 3,300 were received as a result of prompting by the commission. The total of 18,500 represented about 11 per cent of registered charities."



On the receiving end: a worker for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund collecting money in London yesterday

BRITAINS charities face a difficult future in spite of a 3 per cent rise in corporate donations in the past year because the public has failed to respond to exhortations to give more and to donate money on a regular basis. Although people who give

most have increased their donations to charity over the past three years, the majority number are failing to donate anything at all, according to a report published yesterday by the Charities Aid Foundation. The findings of the report, Charity Trends, suggest that the loud requests charities and government have made to the public recently to give more have

fallen on deaf ears. Tax-breaks and give-asyou-earn payroll schemes in-troduced last spring by John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, have not brought the bonanza to charities that many predicted. The report's findings seem to confirm fears that the recent series of scandals and incidents of financial mismanagement involving charities may have knocked public confidence.

Several charities, including War on Want and the Charity Commission, have come under scrutiny and been found wanting. The commission was fiercely criticised in 1988 and last year by the Commons public accounts committee, the National Audit Office and a Home Office scrutiny group.

Last year 26 per cent of households in Britain failed to make any charitable contribution, an increase of 2 per cent on the previous year. The median monthly contri-bution by individuals in the past 12 months has fallen by 59p, from £1.97 to £1.28. The researchers found that although 62 per cent of respondents had heard of payroll deduction schemes, only 20 per cent had been offered a scheme by employers and only 2 per cent had taken up

Pleas for more money leave public unmoved

A new survey shows that people are far less willing than in the past to dig deep for charities, reports

Jamie Dettmer

"In the context of Telethons and Comic Relief, in the context of more generous tax encouragements, in the context of more urging to give and more professionalism and better fund-raising by the charities themselves, the British public was less respon-sive," Michael Brophy, direcacted by giving less - very considerably less in real terms - than in the previous

He suggests that the poor response is because people "still think charity is something peripheral. There is no widespread acceptance that to engage in charitable work and to give money to charity in amounts you have to think about is a real responsibility we all have." The researchers found that a large majority of respondents thought the government ought to help the

poor more and not rely on charities. Some observers suspect that the public is still worried about abuses involving charities. Last year the Charity Commission received 1,000 complaints and 15 cases were referred to the Inland Revenue. The commission began 12 formal enquiries into char-ities. It examined the accounts of 4,000 organisations

up into the accounts of 18, introduced. possible misapplication of more than £1 million. Several well-known groups

have had widely publicised difficulties. Earlier this year War on Want disclosed that it had debts of £2 million and Oxfam has been engrossed in a public dispute about engag-ing in political activity. In the summer the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association was criticised for allegedly spending only half of its annual income and using excess money to increase its invest-ments in shares and the

money markets. Since the commission was tor of the foundation, conclu-ded in the report. They reto protect the public from the risk of fraud, abuse and maladministration, giaot strides have been taken to improve the monitoring of charities. Improved govern-ment funding, from £7 million in 1988 to £16 million last year, has helped.

Royal National Lifeboat Institute Imperial Cancer Research

Save the Children Fund Cancer Research Campaign

ics Society

Help the Aged Guide Dogs for the Blind British Heart Foundation

In the past two years the commission, headed by a new chief commissioner, Robin Guthrie, has managed to implement 20 of the recommendations made by Six Philip Woodfield in a report into the organisation's policing powers. New legislation will be needed before another 26 recommendations can be

panded the role of its monitoring and investigation unit and has increased its staff from 14 to 40. Last April, it finished transferring all its records on to a computer

. The commission started a year-long census last month; it is asking all registered charities to update information on the central register. The unit estimates that up to 50 per cent of charities will not respond. The real detective work will then begin.

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RSPCA

National Trust

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

POLICE in London believe ember 30, 71,900 vehicles September, pushing the total retirement as the company that a substantial cumber of people are dumping ageing cars in scrapyards and informing insurance companies they

Commander Richard Monk, head of Scotland Yard's community involvevesterday that nearly half the cars stolen in the capital were never recovered. "It is quite possible some of these have never been stolen, ending up in a crusher and the insurance Scotland Yard announced United States (Kevin Eason money being collected," he that recorded crime in writes).

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went missing in the capital, but of those just 37,000 were recovered. Police know that some thieves steal low-value cars to sell to scapyards, but only recently has the possibility of widespread fraud by car

owners emerged.

Mr Monk said be doubted whether the 35,000 cars still missing as a result of "thefts" London had increased by 9

first time.

An increase of 7 per cent in recorded auto crime to 203,800 offences accounted for about 25 per cent of the total.

 Jaguar is to balt production of £50 million worth of cars and cut up to 800 jobs at its Midlands factory as the comreported last year were being pany tries to cope with falling used by criminals or had been sales caused by economic sales caused by economic exported. He was speaking as conditions in Britain and the

The jobs will be lost through In the year ending on Sept- per cent in the year ending in natural wastage and early

to more than 800,000 for the moves towards flexible working rotas next year. These were agreed as part of the 12.5 per cent pay package accepted by the workforce last week.

Production is expected to drop from last year's record 48,000 cars to 45,000 this year and as low as 42,000 in 1991, about the same as 1986 levels.

The company's 9,500 workers are being told that Jaguar needs to cut output of about 2,000 luxury limousines and sports models, equivalent to two weeks' production.

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Girl describes how she was abducted then left for dead

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During a 50-minute courtroom ordeal, the girl, now as she returned on roller boots aged eight, told a jury of her abduction and 14-mile drive in the boot of a car to the East Sussex landmark.

Lewes Crown Court has been told that Russell Bishop, aged 24, all labourer from Brighton, snated 24, an unemployed ched the girl as she roller-skated past his stolen red Ford Cortina on February 4 and strangled her, rendering her "mercifully unconscious" before he began his assault.

Bishop, a father of two, who denies kidnapping, attempted murder, attempting to strangle with intent to enable him to indecent assault, listened intently as the girl gave evidence



Mr Justice Nolan: ordered

Jack Slipper

wins £50,000

for BBC libel

bit dizzy and I was trying to

run but I kept falling over. I saw this car and there were

some nice people there. They

belped me. They put me with

them in their car and they

She had taken police offi-

cers and her mother to the spot where she had been

The girl described how, through a chink of light in the

boot lid, she had found the

hammer as well as a chisel, a can of WD40, a screwdriver

Three days and identity pa-she attended an identity pa-

rade and picked out "number nine" — Russell Bishop. Under cross-examination, she

said that people at school had

told her the name of the man

she had picked out, but she "kept forgetting it".

She could not remembe

seeing the man's face when he grabbed her from behind. But

she had noticed while he was

strangling her a gold watch with a gold strap on his wrist.

and an orange pen.

phoned the hospital."

A YOUNG schoolgirl describ-ed yesterday how she fell into ordered by Mr Justice Nolan a muddy path and I was still a "a deep sleep" and a frighten to leave the dock so that his ing dream as a man with a alleged victim did not see him moustache strangled her on as she entered the witness box. Devil's Dyke on the South The girl, who chose to give Downs, where he left her for evidence in court instead of on dead after a sexual assault. elosed-circuit television, said closed-circuit television, said her abduction had happened to her home on the White Hawk estate on the outskirts of Brighton after she had gone to buy sweets. She had seen a red car on the opposite side of

> "As I went past, I went across the road and he came over and grabbed me from behind round my waist. He put me in the boot. Then he closed it and drove off. I started banging on the boot because there was a hammer in there. He said: 'Shut up'. I heard gra-vel from the road hitting the car. There was music, I can't remember what kind, coming from inside the car. I hit on the boot door with the hammer. I took the roller boots off because if he opened the boot I

the road, with the boot open.

could get away quicker."

After the car had stopped she had been transferred to the back seat, and said: "He strangled me and he thought I was dead, but I wasn't. I was in a deep sieen.

She said that when she woke up, she had been in bushes and ad not known what had happened to her clothes.

"I was scared. I couldn't walk all right. I was a bit dizzy and I kept on falling over. They were bramble bushes. They hurt. I got scratched. I pushed the brambles out and it hurt my hands. When I got

Blake case pair lose fight to stop trial

Former Det Chief Supt Jack Slipper won £50,000 libel damages from the BBC in the High Court yesterday over allegations that he was incompetent and unprofessional.

Mr Slipper, aged 66, had sued the BBC over a film called The Great Paper Chase about his attempts to bring the. train robber Ronald Biggs back from Brazil. His counsel, Desmond Browne, QC, said that Mr Shipper had found and detained Biggs, but was unable to return him to Britain. "The events were recounted in the film in such a way as to suggest, quite wrongly, that Mr Slipper had set about his mission in an incompetent

and unprofessional manner." The BBC apologised and agreed to pay the damages and costs, which may take the total bill to £500,000.

Councillor arrest

A Liverpool councillor and another man have been arrested by police investigating alleged corruption in the city. The men, who have not been named, were arrested on Wednesday night and were yesterday waiting to be questioned. Police said the arrests were not connected with the arrest last month of Derek Hatton, the former deputy leader of Liverpool city council, and 21 others.

Fast continues

Desmond Ellis, the first alleged IRA member to be extradited to mainland Britain from the Irish Republic, was yesterday reported to be continuing his hunger strike after being remanded in custody. He began the hunger strike 37 days ago in an Irish prison. On Wednesday he was flown to London to face charges before Bow Street magistrates of conspiracy to cause explosions and possession of explosives. hear our case."

TWO peace campaigners yes terday failed in their High Court attempt to avoid prosecution for allegedly helping the spy George Blake to escape from prison and flee to the Soviet Union 24 years ago. Lord Justice Watkins and

Mr Justice Hutchison rejected a claim that it would be "oppressive" and an abuse of the law for the trial of Patrick Pottle and Michael Randle to Their lawyers unsuccess

fully argued in an application for jodicial review that a highlevel policy decision was taken by police and security services 20 years ago not to investigate and prosecute the pair because they were only "little fish" in the escape and "the big fish" had got away. Lord Justice Watkins said it

was an extraordinary and unique case. The delay in bringing the two men to trial was obviously very long indeed – but not so long as to disable the vast majority of the people of this country, we think, from recalling the consternation caused by the escape of Blake and its serious implications".

Some people might sym-pathise with Mr Randle, aged 56, an academic, of Hollingwood Lane, Bradford, and Mr Pottle, aged 52, a tetired antiques dealer, of Northview Road, Crouch End, north London, "Whether that sympathy is misplaced is not for us to say." However, the decision of Mr Justice Macpherson in April at the Central Criminal Court to allow the trial to proceed could not be criticised

in principle. Afterwards Mr Pottle said: "We are not afraid of a trial. We do not fear one and have always expected one. We would be happy for a jury to

Charges dropped over Iraq supergun

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

against a businessmen and a but whether they knew what scientist accused earlier this year of illegally exporting parts of a giant artillery weapoo destined for Iraq. The charges were brought after sections of high-grade piping were seized at a British port.

Peter Mitchell, aged 43,

of Walter Somers, an engioccring company near carry on against Dr Cowley. Birmingham, had been accused of one charge of exporting prohibited items. Dr Christopher Cowley, aged 52, a scientist, of Hotwells, Bristol, faced two charges of connecting prohibited items.

exporting prohibited items.
Sheffield magistrates were told that customs officials still believed that the eight sections of steel piping would have been used to make a gun.

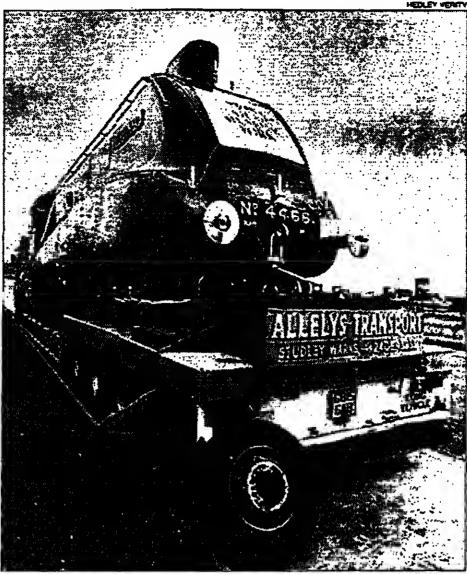
Annabelle Bolt, counsel for the prosecution, said, however, that the question was not

CUSTOMS investigators yes-terday dropped all charges whether the men were con-cerned with the exportation was happening. "For a case like this to succeed evidence has to be such as to give a realistic prospect of success before a jury."

She said that in the circum-

stances, customs officials bad Peter Mitchell, aged 43, decided to drop the charges arrested as managing director against Mr Mitchell and it would be inappropriate to There was no doubt that the eight pipes made by Sheffield

"formed part of a very large gun or guns", she added. Philip White, for Mr Mitch-ell, welcomed the withdrawal of the charges and asked for costs from central funds. Kevin Robinson, for Dr Cow ley, who was not in court, said: "My client would have denied the charges anyway."



Out of steam: Mallard, the record-breaking steam engine, stranded on the A64 near Tadcaster yesterday after a wheel fell off the transporter carrying it from Swindon to the railway museum in York, where it was due on Wednesday

Decision due over **BSB** satellite

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Sky Broadcasting is expected to find out today whether it can continue broadcasting on BSB's Marco Polo satellite.

The Independent Broad-casting Authority, which could revoke BSB's licence on the grounds that the merged group breaks cross-media ownership regulations in the 1981 Broadcasting ACL is expected to rule today that the merger breached its contract with BSB. At present, News Internacional owns 50 per cent of the merged group. The IBA said that it would

issue a statement today. It is thought that the IBA would not force BSkyB off the Marco Polo satellite until BSB sub-scribers have had their squarals replaced by Sky dishes. George Russell, chairman of the IBA, said last night that the merger had wide-ranging repercussions for viewers. manufacturers, independent producers, and broadcasting regulation.

 Mike Vanderkar, former advertising sales director of BSB, left the company of his own accord. He was not asked to leave by the merged BSkyB. as reported in The Times last

THE COST TIMES THE Times gained more readers in April to Septem ber this year over 1989 than any other national daily newspaper. Its readership rose by 13.4 per cent to 1,140,000 in the six months to the end of September, the latest newspaper industry national readership survey

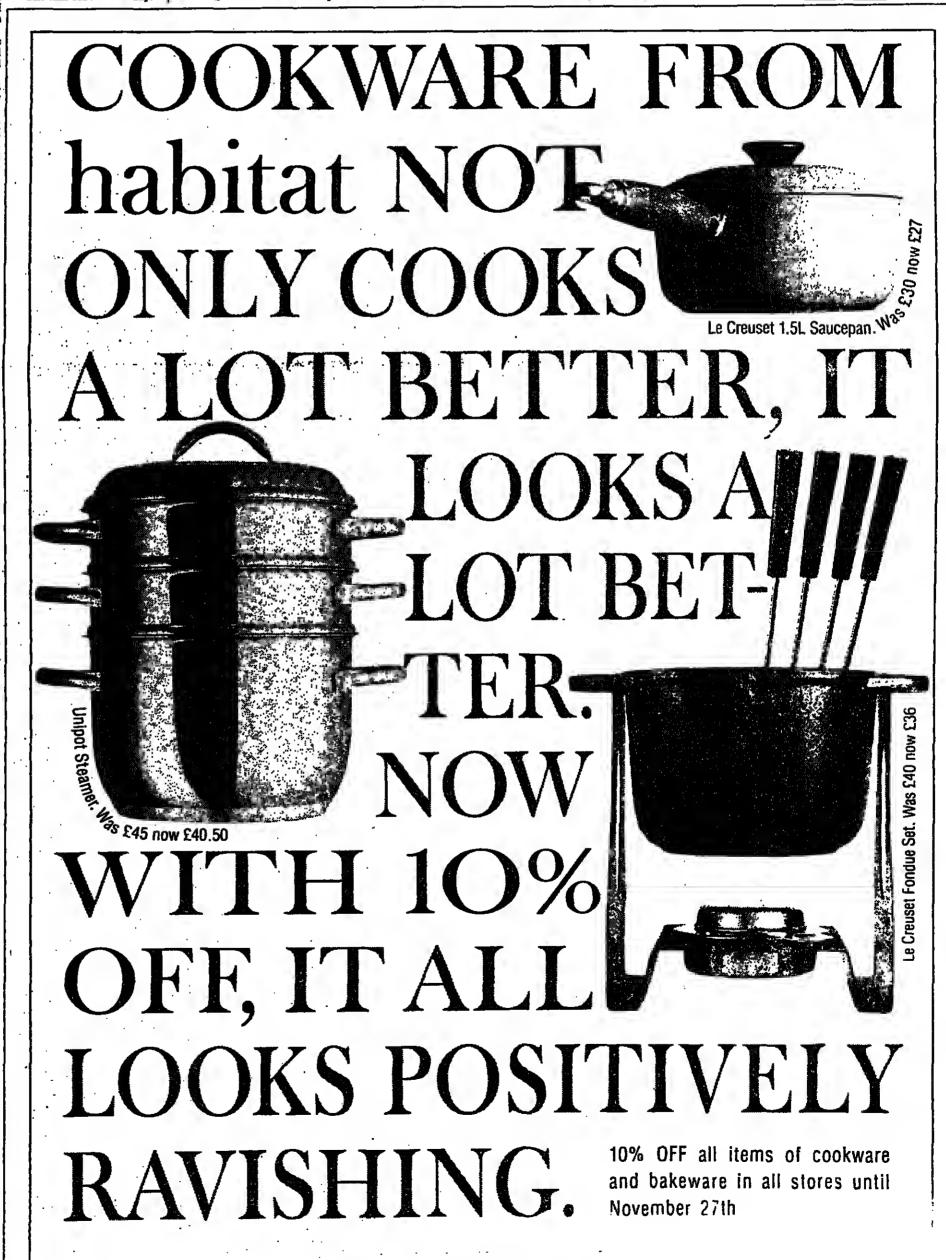
has found The Independent suffered a 15.9 per cent year-on-year drop in readers to 1,039,000 million during the same period. The Guardian's readership was up 0.6 per cent to 1,240,000 Readership of The Daily Telegraph declined by 4.8 per cent to 2,296,000

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new Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC) figures reveal slight drops in circula-tion for The Times, The Independent and The Guard ian during October, mainly as a result of the downturn in

consumer spending.

Circulation of The Times at 421,119, is down 0.67 per cent on September. The Independent sold 415,401 and The Guardian 426,124.



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Lamont condemns **Delors scheme** for monetary union

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"The monetary union could

NORMAN Lamont, Treasury chief secretary, yesterday con-demned the Delors proposals for closer European economic and monetary union as un-

He predicted that the imposition of a single currency nn the EC would see monetary union- break ap under the weight af increasing social and economic tension.

In a speech to the Bruges group urging the Conservative party to unite behind the prime minister's vision of Europe, Mr Lamont said that if the Gatt negotiations colapsed thanks to the attitude of one or two EC countries, "the whole Community will be severely and rightly discredited in the wider world".

In a clear effort to counter the arguments and European enthusiasms of Sir Geoffrey Howe and Michael Heschine, Mr Lamont criticised those who sought to suggest that the fear of a federal Europe was a mere chimera. A single cur-rency, be said, would lead to a "How can policies to con-

trol inflation and to regulate demand be operated on a con- break up under the weight of

building up for fiscal policy, nomic tensions, setting back too, to be formulated at a the cause of closer economic continental level?", integration by decades." The Saying that people should be grateful for Margaret Thatcher's clarity when others were seeking to sweep such questions under the carpet, Mr Lamont said: "The Delors vision of monetary union is centralising and prescriptive. And as a prescription for all 12 member states in their current states of economic devel. bank relaxing monetary policy under political pressures, bringing higher inflation and decreasing performance.

Mr Lamont quoted Karl Otto Pohl, Bundesbank president, as agreeing with John Major that a joint monetary policy could be much more state of economic develexpensive than the alleged savings in transaction costs Inflation rates ranged scross the EC from 2.5 per cent to 22 under a single currency.

Defending the chancellor's hard-ecu plan, Mr Lamont acknowledged that it evolve into a single currency, but that would be the result of deeficit.

Cisions taken by the British

Mr Lamont predicted that if people and British firms.

The chief secretary underlined Britain's hard-line negotiating stance for the monetary union talks when he said: "We are not prepared to see the fettering of member states' freedom to take appropriate decisions about appropriate levels of public expenditure, taxation and government borrowing".

Mr Lamont complained tinental basis without pressure increasing social and eco- that the common agricultural social charter as harmful,



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Constant use of microwave ovens 'risky'

taurants could be dangerous because their temperatures fall below safety levels during constant use, food acientists told the Commons agriculture

ommittee yesterday. The scientists admitted that they did not have sufficient evidence to judge the risks of food poisoning from heavy duty commercial microwaves.

Dr Dean Burfoot, principal scientific officer of the Agricultural and Food Research Council, told the committee that tests showed the high temperatures needed to kill bacteria sometimes fell during 90 minutes of continuous use.

Dr Howard Denner, head of the agriculture ministry's food science division, said that there was a lack of evidence that microwave cooking in commercial establishments could cause outbreaks of poisoning. It was a possibility that the popularity of micro-waves, with 11 million in use, was related to the spread of food poisoning, but the min-istry had no evidence one way

The committee's enquiry comes after last December's

MICROWAVE ovens in res- did not reach the required temperatures when manufacturers' instructions were not

followed.

Dr Denner said that the government would like manufacturers to state clearly that their domestic ovens were not suitable for commercial use. but had met reluctance in the

Mr Jim Collis, director eneral of the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances, said: "To say 'do not use it for commercial use' is like having a label on a lawnmower saying do not use this for cutting

Bill against smoking for Faulds

BILL to tighten the law on shops selling cigarettes to children will be introduced by Andrew Fankls, Labour MP for Warley East, who won top place yesterday in the ballot for private members' legislaion (Sheila Gunn writes).

After his success in the annual perliamentary draw. Mr Faulds said that as a rabid anti-smoker he will use the opportunity to bring forward a bill promoted by Parents against Tobacco.

His number was the first of 20 to be picked. Only the first six MPs in the ballot stand a chance of getting enough par-liamentary time to steer a politically neutral measure through Parliament. Some of the MPs are still considering

how to use their place.

Roy Hughes, Labour MP for Newport East, and number five in the ballot, is expected to reintroduce Tony Banks's bill to make it an offence to disturb badger sets. The Bill was blocked last session by fox-hunting MPs who complained that it would prevent the entrances to sets being stopped up before hums.

The top six places went to Mr Faulds, Sir Richard Body (Holland with Boston, C), Rosie Barnes (Greenwich, Ind SD), John Bowis (Battersea, C), Mr Hughes and Michael Woodcock (Ellesmere Port and Neston, C).



Prison number falls to 44,540

44,540, was 2,962 belog the figure of a year and David Waddington. A home secretary, said a Commons outsti In another reply. J ister, said that improve probation supervision being introduced as pa of the move towards based punishment loc prison sentences in serious cases.

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A 1907 painting by Wal-ter Sickert has been ac-cepted for the nation in heu of £84,000 tax. David Mellor, the arts minister said that Girl at a Windo Little Rachel had not yet. been been allocated to a public collection.

Counsel cash up by 10%

Marriage guidance orpanisations are to receive an increase of about 10 per cent in grants, John Patten, home office minister, and nounced in the Commons.

Squatting law

Tighter laws on squatting in unoccupied residential property were promised by John Patten, home office minister, during Commons questions. Crime move

Regional schemes encouraging housebuilders to adopt crime prevention. standards are to be adopted nationally, John Patten, home office minister, said.

Patten's pps Jeremy Hanley (Rich-mond and Barnes) has been appointed parliam appointed parliamentary private secretary to Christopher Patten, environment secretary.

House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Northern Ireland (Scotland) bill, second (Emergency Provisions) bill, second reading.
Tuesday: Criminal Justice bill.

second reading. Wednesday: Debates on Opposition motions on Scotland and on the textile industry. Thursday: Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance bill scoond reading, and Armed Forces bill, second reading. Friday: Debate on Gatt.

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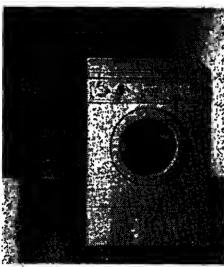
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BMA fears many opt-out hospitals will go bankrupt

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

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ation said yesterday. "We believe that the sums do not add up," Jeremy Lee-Potter, BMA chairman, said. "At the end of the line there will be bankruptcy for some. There will be winners and losers and we are very afraid for those patients where a hospital is unsuccessful."

Publishing an analysis of the applications for self-gover-ning status, Dr Lee-Potter urged William Waldegrave, the health secretary, to tread cantiously when he decided which ones should go ahead

Light shed on cause of fidgeting

By NIGEL HAWKES

CHILDREN diagnosed as hyperactive, who fidget constantly and cannot concentrate, might be suffering from an abnormality of the brain, according to research carried out in the United

The condition has often been attributed to poor diet, but a study at the US National Institute of Medical Health has shown that hyperactive adults have low activity in areas of the brain that control attention and movement.

Alan Zametkin, of the institute, studied 25 hyperactive adults using a technique. considered possibly unethical on children, in which radioactive material is injected into the brain, allowing the most active parts to be identified.

The subjects' brains were compared with those of 50 oormal adults during the performance of a simple task. The hyperactive adults did just as well as the controls, but their brains were less active overall, and particularly in two regions believed to be used in paying attention.

The finding, published this "This is a disgrace," Ms week in the New England Harman said. "There can be Journal of Medicine, helps to only one reason that regional be successfully treated with dations are to be kept secret stimulants. Instead of making | The regional health authoripatients more fidgety, they ties plan to ignore the local increase activity in the lazy hostility to opt-out that there parts of the brain.

MANY of the 65 hospitals, next April. "If they were business plans of a management buy-out they would get very short shrift from a merchant bank. They have not

been thought through." John Chawner, chairman of the BMA's consultants committee, said that most trusts. which will opt out of health anthority control, would be like businesses of between £60 million and £100 million a year. "They must be sure that they are going to get the customers in." Mr Chawner said that very few of the applications would stand up to critical analysis. "The hos-pitals risk falling into chaos." Beds would be closed and

patients turned away The BMA report claims that nost would be trusts have no reliable assessment of their income for next year. They will be self financing, and depend on health authorities and GPs to send them pa-tients. The report says that most trusts have only secured the most basic forms of agreement with potential purcha ing authorities, with no accurate costings.

All the applications assume they will not need to pay dividends or interest on most of their starting debt for the next three years. The applicants are planning to spend the equivalent of 15 per cent of NHS capital next year, although they account for only 2 per cent of NHS units.

The trusts will be able to borrow capital from the private sector as well as applying directly to the Treasury.

The hope of realising specific capital development, was often behind the application, the BMA report says. Hospitals were often seeking trust status for a negative rather than positive reason. Dr Lee-Potter said that the total amount of money available to the NHS would remain the same. "The problem is under-funding for the NHS."

Meanwhile, Harriet Har-man, Labour's shadow health minister, criticised the govemment's decision not to publish comments made by regional health authorities on the applications put forward.

Emigrant returns for £500,000 inheritance

on a £10 assisted passage has last year telling him a distant returned to inherit £500,000 relative had died in Wales. "It including a country house was the kind of thing that only whose contents were auc- happens to other people in tioned by Phillips in Cardiff novels," he said yesterday. yesterday (John Shaw writes).

maoagement coosultaot, relatives of Brigadier J.O.M. watched the sale begin and Ashton, who had died at the then slipped away to continue family home near Tenby, tracing the family he never Pembrokeshire. knew existed. The house has beeo sold for £200,000 and the of letters and photographs that cootents are expected to raise filled out his family tree in £250,000 to £300,000.

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Mr Ashton found hundreds Born in Belfast, Mr Ashton dle East. He said the docuset off for Australia with only find and he was taking them to

Joy-riders kill baby

A BABY of 10 months was killed on Wednesday evening when his pushchair was hit by a stolen car a few yards from his home in Delaval Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Northumbria police said yesterday that they were hunting two youths who had jumped out of the red Montego just before it hit Richard Hartill's pushchair. The baby's mother, Shirley Mitchell, aged 16, was not injured. The stolen car was being pursued by a police car. Chief Supt Bob Bensley said: "Taking cars for joy-riding is officially classed as minor crime in the courts — but is what happened last night a minor crime?"

Case discharged Mains moved

when he appeared before mag-istrates in Newmarket, Sof-colony of rare glow worms folk, to be committed for trial near Barrowden, in Leicesteraccused of actual bodily harm shire, after a protest by against Peter Hutton, a local villagers. jockey, aged 23.

four counts of criminal deception relating to £134,000. The Deer warning case was adjourned until February 15 and he was given conditional bail.

Custody order

Eric Rubin, the antiques dealer extradited from Israel to be charged after security guards at the Knightsbridge Safety Deposit Centre were robbed of £40 millioo in July, 1987, was remanded in custody until December 13 by Horseferry Road magistrates'

Alan Minter, the former British Gas has changed the boxer, aged 40, was discharged route of a £2.7 million gas

John Ryman, aged 60, the former Labour MP for Blyth, Northumberland, was charged of Bath magistrates' court on former the former than the forest than the former than the former than the former than the form Pictures reward

The Red Deer Commission says that more than 60,000 wild deer may have to be shot in the Highlands this winter because of over-population.

Staff bonus

The Irish government is planning to share £500,000 in unclaimed prize money accrued by the Irish Hospitals Sweepstakes, which went into liquidation three years ago, between the 650 former staff.

Classroom stress takes its toll on teachers

Changes in work practice and poor discipline are helping to make stress a problem for teachers. The result can lead to early retirement, low morale and poor health, David Tytler reports

SYLVIA Jewell taught Eng-lish in a Wakefield secondary school for 18 years before the stress became too much and she quit to open a shop, "I left before I went under and I know what a pressurised world teachers live in," she says. "It is not possible to do it all and to remain a sensible and human person."

Others break down under the pressure. Every week 40 teachers ring the stress line run by the National Union of

The Health and Safety Executive is today issuing a booklet on how coping with classroom stress, which unions and employers say is

A survey by the Man-chester university Institute of Science and Technology car-ried out earlier this year for the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers claimed that stress was leading to alarming levels of smoking and alchohol abuse. One teacher in five smoked with a complete the stress of th similar number drinking the equivalent of 10 pints of beer a week or more. Last year teachers were on average

absent from school for seven days. A quarter said they suffered a significant illness related to stress, such as myalgic encephalo-myelitis (ME), stomach upsets, asthma, back and neck pains, anxiety and depression.

The National Association of Headteachers estimates that about a third of heads who take early retirement do so because of stress. David Hart, general secretary of the association, said: "There is an urgent need to raise the morale of and to provide motivation for the most senior members of the profession. Better training, more administrative support for heads and more resources are essential.

Typical of those who took

early retirement is a 52-year-old headicacher of a large primary school. He said: "I had a nervous breakdown caused by stress and over-work, with stress leading to severe physical problems."
Elizabeth Gyngell, of the
Health and Safety Executive, said that its research showed genuine cases of stress among teachers with many of them receiving medical help. A

Dr Trevor Jellis, a stress expert, demonstrates relaxation by massage to teachers

survey of the problem is being carried out by Birmingham university.

In the workforce as a whole about 10 per cent suffer from serious stress. with about a third affected by less serious problems. Teachers are facing a lot

of change at the moment and change is always a stressful problem," Mrs Gyngell said, Most calls received at the NUT's ten regional offices are from primary teachers. One came from a woman in her fifties who suddenly found she simply could not face school. She blamed increased workload associated with the introduction of the national curriculum, which she said was turning her from a teacher into a

A 38-year-old man has been absent from his primary school since June with pal-

pitations and reactive deteacher. A younger primary school teacher said he was

leaving teaching after only three years because of the amount of work he had to take home with him, which, he said, left him without a life of his own.

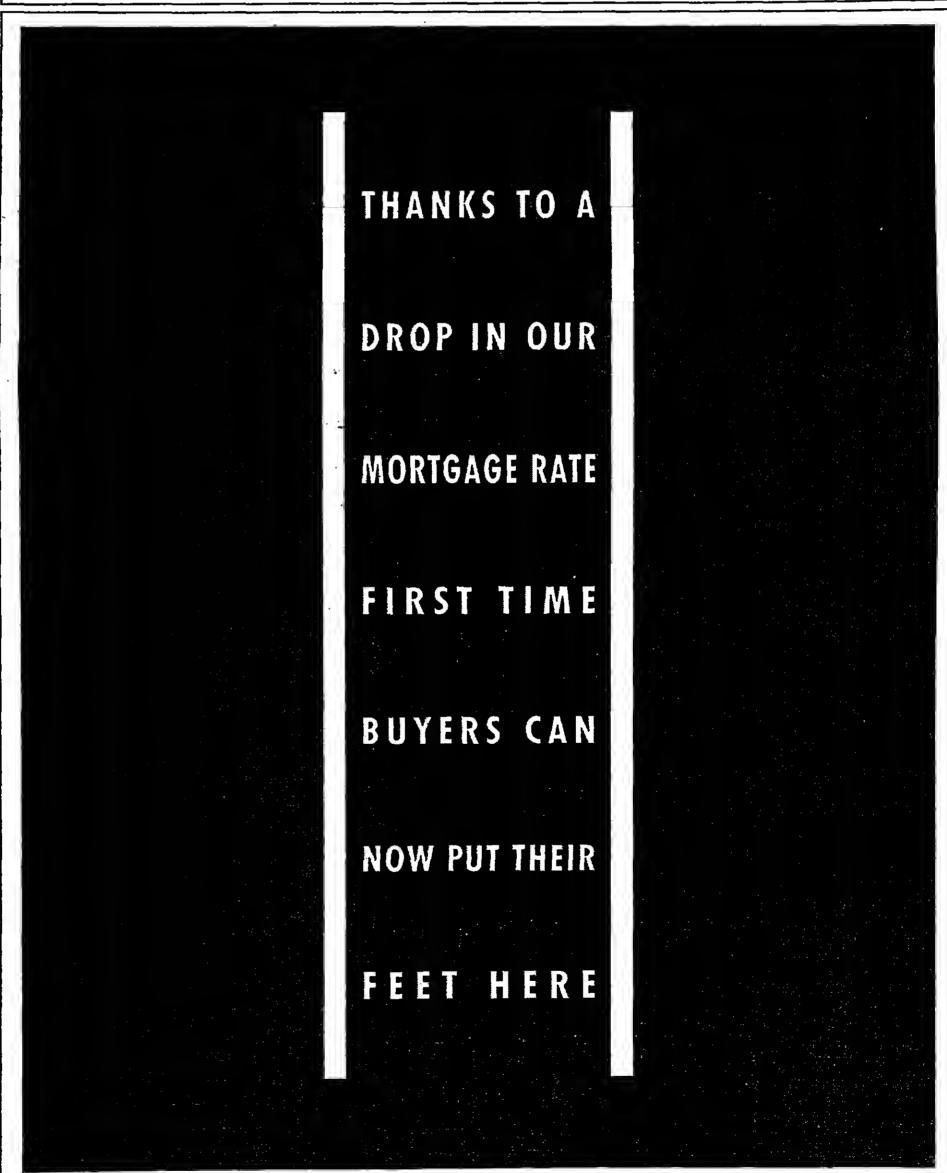
Poor classroom discipline is a big cause of stress among teachers and in his report on school discipline Lord Elton

done to train teachers in good

classroom management. Peter Dawson, general sec-retary of the Professional Association of Teachers, believes the whole question of stress among teachers is exaggerated. Teachers have talked themselves into a oervous breakdown. It is a stressful occupation. It has always been and always will be. It is no more stressful now than it has ever been, except that teachers are now being asked, quite rightly, to do things they have never done before," he said.

"Teachers like going on doing what they they have always done, being asked to change is stressful. Teachers more than most do not like coping with change. The very good teacher is finding no problem at the momeot. The bad teachers have enough to cope with to survive in the classroom if they are to survive at all.

"Stress is being talked up. Some teachers' leaders have attempted to talk teachers in to a nervous breakdown. If you tell them enough that their morale is low, that they are overworked and misunderstood and that education is in decline they will believe you. Some teachers' leaders have a vested interest in telling teachers they are awful. Many parents, however, will say the teachers of their children are doing a good job."



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Lamont condemns **Delors scheme** for monetary union

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

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He predicted that the imposition of a single currency on the EC would see monetary union-break up under the weight of increasing social and economic tension.

In a speech to the Bruges group urging the Conservative party to unite behind the prime minister's vision of Europe. Mr Lamont said that if the Gatt negotiations collapsed thanks to the attitude of one or two EC countries, the whole Community will be severely and rightly dis-credited in the wider world".

In a clear effort to counter the arguments and European enthusiasms of Sir Geoffrey Howe and Michael Heseltine. Mr Lamont criticised those who sought to suggest that the fear of a federal Europe was a mere chimera. A single cur-rency, he said, would lead to a single government.

"How can policies to control inflation and to regulate demand be operated on a continental basis without pressure

building up for fiscal policy, nomic tensions, setting back too, to be formulated at a the cause of closer economic continental level?".

Saying that people should be grateful for Margaret Thatcher's clarity when others were seeking to sweep such questions under the carpet, Mr Lamont said: "The Delors vision of monetary union is centralising and prescriptive. And as a prescription for all 12 member states in their current state of economic development it is unworkable."

Inflation rates ranged across the EC from 2.5 per cent to 22 per cent, interest rates from 8.5 per cent to 19 per cent and budget balances from a 1 per cent surplus to a 17 per cent

Mr Lamont predicted that if a single currency and monetary union went ahead now, Brussels would initiate evering transfers from well off northern countries to poorer southern neighbours. There would be increased disparities between regions, accompanied by migrations in search of prosperity and jobs.

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integration by decades." The alternative was the EC central bank relaxing monetary policy under political pressures, bringing higher inflation and decreasing performance.

Mr Lamont quoted Karl Otto Pohl, Bundesbank president, as agreeing with John Major that a joint monetary policy could be much more expensive than the alleged savings in transaction costs under a single currency.

Defending the chancellor's hard-ecu plan, Mr Lamont acknowledged that it evolve into a single currency, but that would be the result of de-cisions taken by the British people and British firms.

The chief secretary underlined Britain's hard-line negotiating stance for the monetary nuion talks when he said: "We are not prepared to see the fettering of member states' freedom to take appropriate decisions about appropriate levels of public expenditure, taxation and borrowing".

Mr Lamont complained increasing social and eco- that the common agricultural social charter as harmful,



of four £700 a year and said: "The Community spends nearly twice as much preventing developing nations' im- tries of Eastern Europe that ports from being sold in would wish to join Europe as it gives these coun-

tries back in aid". He dismissed parts of the

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tancants could be dangerous temperatures when manufacbelow safety levels during constant use, food scientists told the Commons agriculture committee yesterday.

The scientists admitted that they did not have sufficient evidence to judge the risks of food poisoning from heavy duty commercial microwaves. Dr Dean Burfoot, principal scientific officer of the Agri-cultural and Food Research Council, told the committee that tests showed the high

temperatures needed to kill 90 minutes of continuous use. Dr Howard Denner, head of the agriculture ministry's food science division, said that there was a lack of evidence

that microwave cooking in commercial establishments could cause outbreaks of poisoning. It was a possibility that the popularity of micro-waves, with II million in use, was related to the spread of food poisoning, but the min-istry had no evidence one way or the other.

The committee's enquiry comes after last December's test findings that some ovens

MICROWAVE ovens in res- did not reach the required because their temperatures fall turers' instructions were not followed. Dr Denner said that the

government would like manufacturers to state clearly that their domestic ovens were not suitable for commercial use, but had met reluctance in the inchistry.

Mr Jim Collis, director general of the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances, said: To say do not use it for commercial use' is like having a label on a lawnmower saying do not use this for cutting down trees' "."

Bill against smoking for Faulds

shops selling cigarettes to children will be introduced by Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East, who won top place yesterday in the ballot for private members' legisla n (Sheila Gunn writes).

After his success in the annual parliamentary draw, Mr Faulds said that as a rabid enti-smoker he will use the opportunity to bring forward a bill promoted by Parents against Tobacco.

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His number was the first of 20 to be picked. Only the first six MPs in the ballot stand a chance of getting enough parliamentary time to steer a politically neutral measure through Parliament. Some of the MPs are still considering the MPs are still considering how to use their place.

Roy Hughes, Labour MP for Newport East, and number five in the ballot, is expected to reintroduce Tony Banks's bill to make it an offence to disturb badger sets. The Bill was blocked last session by fox-hunting MPs who complained that it would prevent stopped up before hunts.

The top six places went to Mr Faulds, Sir Richard Body (Holland with Boston, C). Rosie Barnes (Greenwich, Ind. SD), John Bowis (Battersea, C), Mr. Hughes and Michael Woodcock (Ellesmere Port and Neston, C).



Prison number falls to

England and Wales, at 44,540, was 2,962 below the figure of a year ago, David Waddington home secretary, said at Commons questions.

In another reply, John Patten, home office minister, said that improved probation supervision was being introduced as part of the move towards substituting communitybased punishment for prison sentences in less serious cases.

Sickert 'Girl' accepted

A 1907 painting by Walter Sickert has been accepted for the nation in lieu of £84,000 tax. David Mellor, the arts minister, said that Girl at a Window, Little Rachel bad not yet : been been allocated to a public collection.

Counsel cash up by 10% Marriage guidance or-

ganisations are to receive an increase of about 10 per cent in grants, John Patten, home office minister, announced in the Commons.

Squatting law Tighter laws on squatting in unoccupied residential property were promised by John Patten, home office minister, during Commons questions.

Crime move Regional schemes encouraging housebuilders to adopt crime prevention standards are to be adopted nationally, John Patten, home office minister, said.

Patten's pps Jeremy Hanley (Richmond and Barnes) has been appointed parliamentary .. private secretary to Christopher Patten, environ-

Parliament next week

s expected to be: Monday: Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) bill, second reading. Tuesday: Criminal Justice bill, second reading.

Wednesday: Debates on Op-position motions on Scotland and on the textile industry. Thursday: Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance bill, second reading, and Armed Forces bill, second reading.

The main business in the The main business in the of Commons next week Lords is expected to be: Monday: National Heritage (Scotland) bill, second reading.
Tuesday: New Roads and
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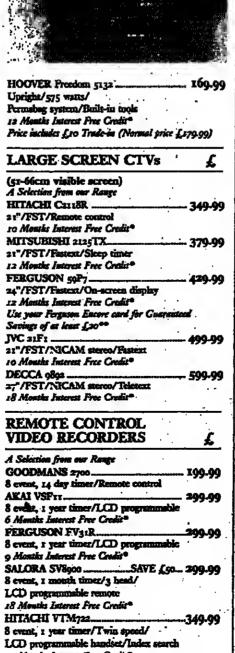
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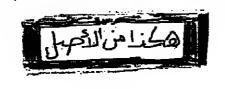
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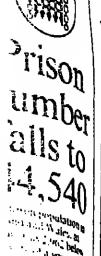
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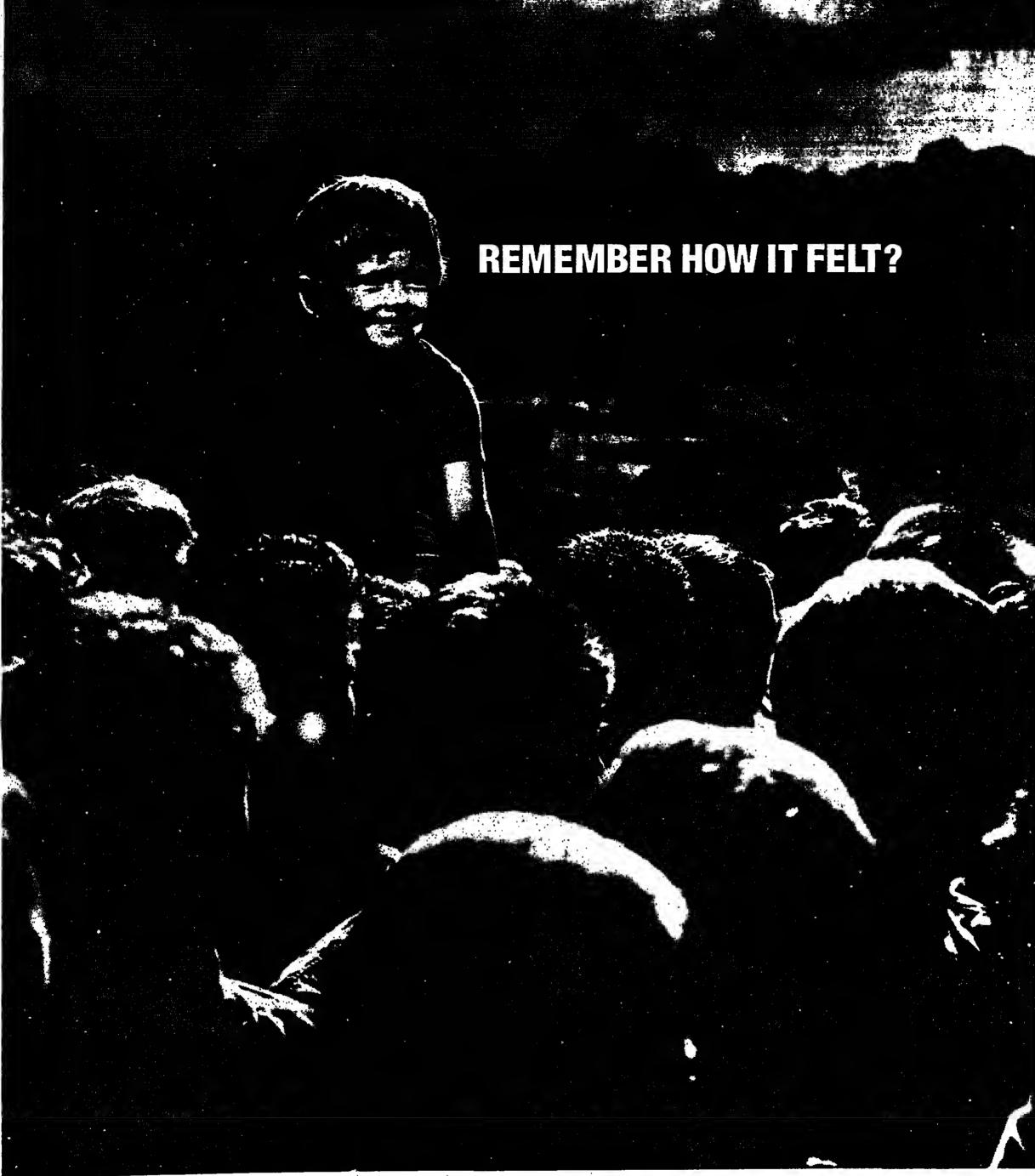
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Squatter violence brings down ruling coalition in Berlin

From Anne McElvoy in Berlin and Ian Murray in Bonn

BERLIN'S left-wing red-green tions. The Alternative List, a coalition collapsed last night more radical version of the after the police raid on occuthe city on Wednesday, which led to two days of rioting in Berlin and other German partner,

The 17 MPs of the Alternative List who formed the government in Berlin together with the Social Democrats, held several hours of talks on whether to quit the coalition.
A meeting of the Alternative List's branches on Wednesday night had recommended that the movement should withdraw immediately in protest at the senate's decision to order police to storm the squats and forcibly evict the inhabitants.

Its leader, Renate Künast, said the SPD had failed to keep its promise to consult its coalition partner on big police Lower Saxooy. Masked actions before it decided to supporters of the squatters clear the 12 occupied tenements by force. Frau Kimast said the move had provoked age. Their raids were similar violence from the squatters and all took place over the which resulted in two days of rioting, 200 arrests and serious Police believe that they could injuries to four policemen and several of the protesters.

Two Alternative List MPs later discovered by police in the occupied tenements but were released in the rampage in the centre, accordance with parlia- smashing 28 shop windows in

more radical version of the Green party, has over 11 per cent of the votes in Berlin. Its policies had made it a difficult and unpredictable coalition

weeks before the all-German elections makes a grand co-alition of Social and Christian Berlin than another red-green Several thousand dem-

onstrators marched through the city on Wednesday night squatters. They carried banners accusing the police of "state violence" and chanted, "no return to the violent

The violence in Berlin spilled over into cities in North Rhine-Westphalia and took to the streets causing thousands of marks of damwell have been co-ordinated centrally by anarchist groups.

One of the worst incidents was in Hanover early yesterday when a group went on

never experienced such a "concentrated operation of chaos". In Cologne at midnight about 50 masked youths tore through the city centre, smashing 26 windows in a huxury shopping area. Police arrested three people, all squatters, who said that the attack had been mounted in support of those battling with the authorities in Berlin.

mayor, yesterday reiterated his support for the police action and said that a decision by the Alternative List to quit was "the coward's solution of stealing away from responsibility when times get tough". He said that the squatters had employed the tactics of civil war. "The brutality was un-believable," he said, "it was sheer bloodinst".

Walter Momper, Berlin's

But the Eastern German New Forum Citizen's Group and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Brandenborg Gottfried Forck, criticised the pursuing a more patient negotiating strategy with the "Violence of this sort once

begun soon becomes en-demic," Bishop Forck said. Germany's task in the coming months was to show true unity, not deepen existing



Scene of disaster: a Swiss fireman inspecting the wreckinge of the Alitalia DC 9, which crashed on approach to Zurich airport, killing all 46 people on board. Investigators said it had been flying below the normal altitude

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that crashed north of here, killing all 46 people on board, was flying too low as it headed

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has gone to Zurich to help Swiss investigators investigate ing the crash, the airline said

The DC9 crashed in darkness near the village of Stadel,

- An Italian airliner controllers. Six Americans, burst into flames. Swiss avi- and about six miles north of the airport. Officials said the pilot reported nothing amiss, and, although it had been raining, visibility was good and there was oo fog io the

The aircraft disappeared from radar screens two minutes before its scheduled landing. When it crashed, Mr Thommann said, the plane blew apart on impact and burst into flames. Debris was scattered over a wide area. with only the tail section and engines left intact. Remains of the victims were taken to Zurich for identification.

Firemen, police and rescue teams continued sifting through debris yesterday. Some witnesses said they saw a flesh of light and heard an explosion seconds before the aircraft crashed into the hillside.

The crash was the worst in Switzerland since April 1973, when a British aircraft crashed near Basle with the loss of 108 lives. The last big crash involving an Italian passenger plane was in October 1986, when an ATR 42 aircraft crashed at Conca di Trezzo, near Como, killing 37 people (AFP)

Marchers attack Romanian rulers

By TIM JUDAH IN BRASOV AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THOUSANDS of protesters tion of the govern Petre Roman, the prime

More than 100,000 took to the streets of Bucharest, and 10,000 marched in the Transylvanian city of Brasov, and another 15,000 in Tistrongest anti-government demonstrations since miners were called into Bucharest last June to put a violent end to riots and demonstrations in the capital

Yesterday's meetings were called ostensibly to commemorate the 1987 Brasov uprising. Three years ago workers in the city's Red Flag lorry plant, angered by a seven-day working week, failing wages and miserable living conditions, began a march which culminated in the sacking of the local communist party headquarters. Those events are hailed as the first real attempt by Romanians to rid themselves of the dictatorship of Nicolae Ceauseson.

Yesterday's protesters in Brasov heard speeches made by a number of anti-government personalities. The best known was the dissident Doing Cornea. She said: "Today is a day of sadness. We have met with failure. The people who judged the Brasov demonstrators in 1987 are the same people who judged those who fired on the revolutionary crowds in 1989.

The crowd roared and shouted anti-government slogans, including: "Iliescu, you will meet your death in Brasov". President Iliescu has long been a target of those opposed to his National Salvation Front because of his

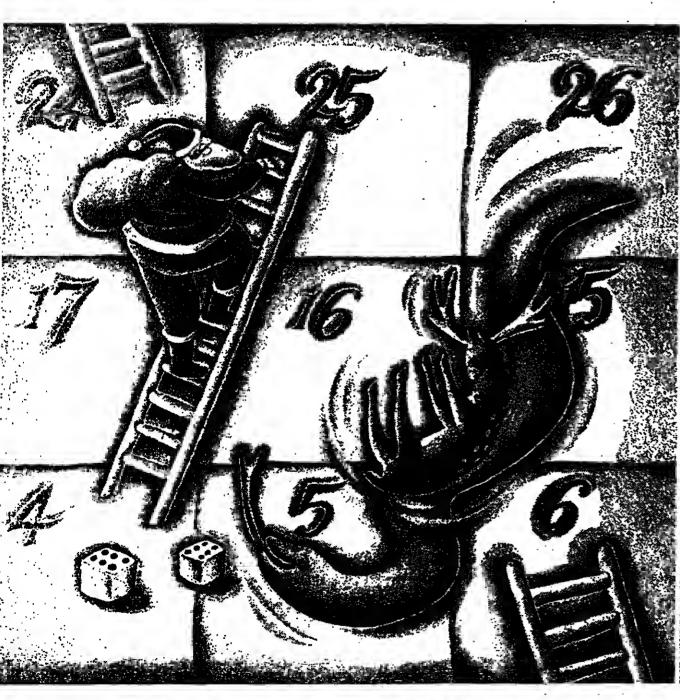
Yesterday's demonstrations were the first serious protest since big price increases were introduced two weeks ago. One man held a placard saying: "We want bread not lies." Another held a banner with a picture of a shoe on it. Next to the shoe was its new price, about 10 days' salary.





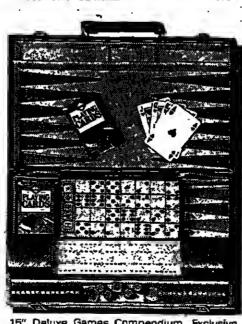


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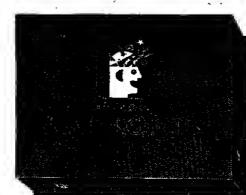














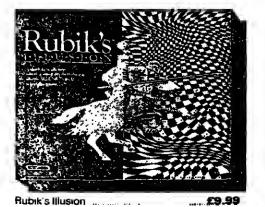
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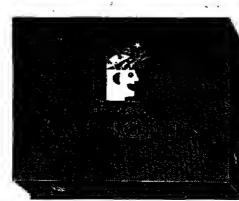
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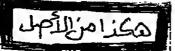








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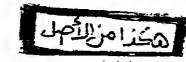
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Palestinians mark 'independence day' in homes and hearts

yesterday on what they regard as Palestine Independence Day to the sound of loud-hailers on army vehicles warning Arabs to stay indoors or face punishment. The response was defiance, women appeared in Palestinian national costume and young Arab boys, forbidden to sing or chant Palestinian slogans, gathered on street corners to blow a chorus of wooden whistles.

Angered, but under orders to keep casualties low, troops fired in the air and chased the boys indoors. One or two still managed to string balloons in the banned colours of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation — red, green and black — across the street. One boy waved our car to a halt and tied a

our own country," he shouted English "Palestine." In Gaza, thousands of Arabs poured on to the streets to sound car horns and set off fireworks in the early hours yesterday before the curiews confining a million

Palestinians to their homes took

independence seems as remote as ever two years to the day since the Palestine National Council, meeting in Algiers, declared a theoreti-cal state of Palestine in the West Bank and Gaza. The move came after concessions by the PLO, which accepted the concept of two states in former Palestine, one Arab and one Jewish.

Nearly three years after the intifada or Palestinian nprising began, however, Israeli authorities

Palestinians, frustrated by the failure of compromise and diplomacy, celebrated their "national day" in defiant mood, Richard Owen reports from the West Bank

are if anything tightening their grip and have even introduced a gravel-shooting cannon to

nteract riots. Palestinian activists, including Radwan Abu Ayash, head of the West Bank journalists' association, has been greeted with dismay by both Arab intellectuals and left-wing Israelis as a sign that even mnderate Palestinian spokesmen who have risked the disapproval of Arab radicals by promoting dialogue with Israel are

being targeted by the Israeli "To street radicals, someone like Radwan Abu Ayash is so

said Mona Rishmawi, a Palestinian human rights lawyer.
"He appeared on Israeli television and was always one of the first Palestinians to be consulted by visiting Western politicians. By

moderate as to be almost suspect

arresting him Israelis can only encourage the emergence of a more extreme leadership."

Another of those arrested this

been invited in the past to lecture to Israeli army officers on the

In the wake of the arrests, the Palestinian mood is one of frustration and anger, with the tra-ditional leadership, based on the professional classes and leading Arab families, increasingly unable to prevent a turn to extremism.

Time and again, leading figures say that the fervent support given to President Saddam Hussein by young Palestinians is based not on admiration for the regime in Bagidad but rather on grantude that someone of authority in the Arab world is articulating the Palestinian cause and standing np to the United States.

the international stage toward negotiations with Israel on

Her father, Abdullah, agrees. People always used to accuse us of being negative towards Israel. Since the Algiers declaration we have been begging the Israelis to negotiate - only to find that it is

they who are negative."

Amid the dimmed celebrations Palestinians see two glimmers of hope: a solution of the confronta-tion over Kuwait could involve an Israeli-Palestinian settlement as well, despite Western rejection of any link; and secondly, the resur-gence of the intifada following the Temple Mount killings last month has forced the Israelis to re-institute a "green line" between Israel and the occupied territories,

kenyan partition. According to Faisal
Husseini, the most prominent Palestinian still at liberty (he is on bail after being arrested on Temple Mount), Israel is not interested in peace talks, and this week's arrests show that "the Israelis themselves are encouraging in-stability and danger". Mr Rishmawi said: "Two years

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ago, we of the older generation hoped that Israel might one day greet us on Palestine Day and ask us to act as good neighbours. "But now we can celebrate only in our homes and in our hearts.

A young activist said: "Perhans it is time to reassess our strategy two years on. We have to take a hard look at where the policy of compromise and diplomacy actually got us."

Arab leaders turn down Hassan plea for summit

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

the Gulf were effectively dashed yesterday when Egypt, Syria and Kuwait rejected for an emergency Arab League summit to avert war. They setting unacceptable pre-

President Mnbarak of Egypt
and President Assad of Syria

Despite the very tense situatioo it is still possible to avoid issued a joint statement after two days of talks in Damas-cus. They regretted "Iraq's League's 21 members to re-foiling of any political sol-spond to the summit call, ution that aims at restoring the situatioo in Kuwait to that prior to August 2". Iraq's preconditions had made it difficult, if not impossible, to coovene such a summit"

Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi foreign minister, had said on Wednesday that Iraq must agree to withdraw from Kuwait before Saudi Arabia would attend the summit.

In its rejection, Kuwait said there was no point in a summit while Iraq continued to occupy the emirate. Kuwaiti officials, meanwhile, also announced the formation of a new 40,000-strong national army to liberate their

country by force.
Thousands of young Kuwaiti men are being trained in the Gulf states and a stronger air force is being built round the core of about 40 aircraft in gust. Mubarak al-Duwcila, a member of Kuwait's government in exile, said that this was to "prepare for the battle to liberate Kuwait, which has been plundered by Iraq". Ku-wait had an army of 23,000

when Iraq invaded. The Soviet Union, which had earlier proposed an inter-Arab summit, gave a warning that the confrontation had reached a dangerous stage and

HOPES for an Arab meeting that time was running out for to resolve the confrontation in a peaceful settlement. After talks with King Hassan in dashed yesterday when Egypt, Rabat yesterday, Vladimir Syria and Kuwait rejected Petrovsky, a Soviet deputy King Hassan of Morocco's call prime minister and special envoy, warned Iraq that there would be war unless it withplaced the blame for their drew from Kuwait. "Today decision firmly on Iraq for the time factor is very im-setting unacceptable pre-conditions for attending. the time factor is very im-portant. There is not much time left to settle the crisis. tioo it is still possible to avoid

war." he said Iraq was the first of the Arab saying it would not attend unless foreign forces withdrew from the Gulf and the talks took in the Palestinian question as well. Later Baghdad added that it also wanted the resolutions of the August Arab League summit in Cairo scrapped. At those talks, a majority of 12 demanded Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait and agreed to send troops to Saudi Arabia.

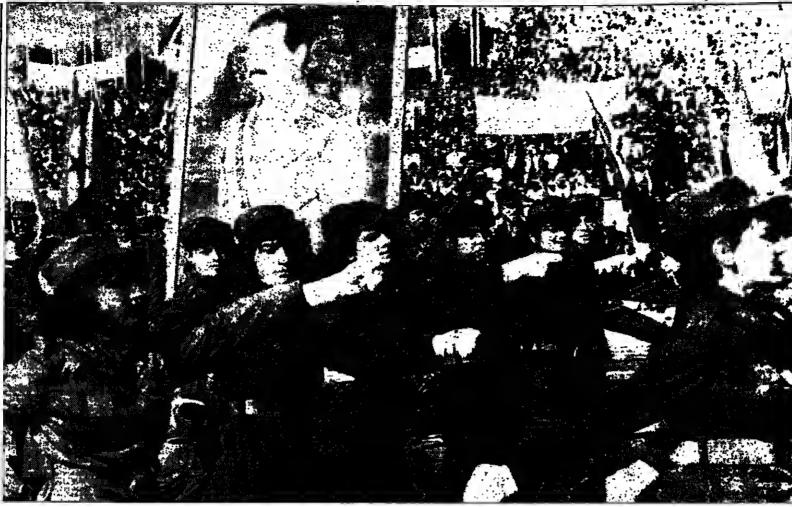
President Mubarak and President Assad said they would continue to try to find an Arab solution in consultations with "other Arab brothers, to safeguard the supreme interests of the Arab nation, and its solidarity". King Hassan's call for a summit had immediately caused a flurry of diplomatic activity in the

region.
President Mubarak flew where he had talks with Colonel Gadaffi on Monday, leading to speculation that Egypt, Libya and Syria were planning a joint proposal for a settlement. The collapse of the summit will disappoint the Arab world, united in its desire for a peaceful settle-ment, if unable to agree on how to achieve it.

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Follow-my-leader: columns of women soldiers marching past a portrait of President Soldiam Hussein at Mosal in northern Iraq, during a parade of the popular army of civilian volunteers who have answered their leader's call to defend their country against possible foreign attack

ish contingent felt remote

"Of course, they are watch-

ing it, they listen to the radio.

But they are not as well

their operational job to do and

that must come first," he said.

portant things about this crisis

is that it has had a bipartisan

approach across all three par-

ties," he said. "I cannot

believe that this will not be a

continuing policy regardless of

what happens in England and

certainly I understand we

have the British public behind

On the Gulf conflict, Vice-Marshal Wilson said that

because of the continuing

build up of multinational forces he was now more

confident than in August that

President Saddam would pull

out of Kuwait voluntarily.

"There is no doubt at all that

he is going to lose this conflict

what we are doing."

if it comes to one."

"I think one of the im-

Service chief rejects claim | Bush urged to halt Tory fight will hurt morale

From Christopher Walker in Dahran

son, the second-ranking Brityesterday rejected claims by Tom King, the defence secthe region.

The denial, made in a series of interviews by the vicemarshal as he was preparing to hand over his post as Deputy British Forces Commander Middle East, was seen as likely to weaken the accusations against Michael Heseltine about the dangers in the timing of his leadership bid.

The vice-marshal's successor, Air Marshal Bill Ratten

AIR Vice-Marshal Sandy Wil- who also takes over as the new personnel serving in the Britair commander in the Gulf tomorrow, also dismissed any suggestion of morale being affected by the comest. "The retary, that a divisive contest services are trained to follow for the Conservative party whatever the political direc- informed or as interested leadership would undermine tive may be and that is

· The claims by the two senior officers were seen in diplomatic circles as a determined attempt to try to prevent President Saddam Hussein from profiting from the bid to topple Mrs Thatcher. They were also considered by reporters, who have conducted interviews with British servicemen and

women, as an accurate assessment of their general attitude. Mr King, a loyal Thatcherite made his remarks prior to leaving for a tour of the Middle East which ended on Wednesday. While in Sandi Arabia, he attempted to deny be had made allegations about the dangers to troop morale, but the demials were rejected by political observers in London who said he had been

attempting to deter Mr Hesel-tine by playing the Gulf card. Asked if the contest would be a distraction to the 16,000 British personnel in the Gulf, Vice-Marshal Wilson said: "No, I do oot think it will have an affect on morale or anything else. We are here to do a job and we will do what is asked of us. You are much more in the picture about what is going on in the political scene than we are." Asked if the contest would weaken the capability of the British forces lined up against Iraq, he said: "I have heard that argument advanced and I

military build-up From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON ANOTHER senior Demo- order the new deployment. At

sharply condemned the new

presidential candidate, said that with last week's decision to nearly double US troop strength in the Gulf, Mr Bush had changed to a "go-it-alone strategy" that "imperilled the international coalition he assembled so skillfully".

Writing in The New York Times, Senator Bradley demanded that Mr Bush susdowngrading of the promising strategy of patient pressure" through sanctions.

on brute strength. He decided on an empty, costly show of force that is either bluff or a prelude to war." What President Saddam Hussein saw was growing dissension. "Now with more than the same and increase pressure of Baghdad, Mr Baker departed yesterday for a trip to Europe during which he will be pressured to the same and increase pressure of Baghdad, Mr Baker departed yesterday for a trip to Europe during which he will be pressured to the same and increase pressure of Baghdad, Mr Baker departed yesterday for a trip to Europe during which he will be pressured to the same and increase pressure of Baghdad, Mr Baker departed yesterday for a trip to Europe during which he will be pressured to the same and increase pressure of Baghdad, Mr Baker departed yesterday for a trip to Europe during which he will be pressured to the same and increase pressure of Baghdad, Mr Baker departed yesterday for a trip to Europe during which he will be pressured to the same and increase pressure of Baghdad, Mr Baker departed yesterday for a trip to Europe during which he will be pressured to the same and increase pressure of Baghdad, Mr Baker departed yesterday for a trip to Europe during which he will be pressured to the same and the same a unity, more tanks but less patience, we all but invite him

to call our bluff." of other congressmen last weekend, infuriates Mr Bush because he believes it undermines his attempts to per-suade President Saddam that the US is utterly serious about using military force to free Kuwait if it has to. .

The administration thinks the Iraqi leader will not withdraw until he is convinced the alternative is war, and that necessary. was a principal considerations behind Mr Bush's decision to

cratic senator yesterday a White House meeting with congressional leaders on US military build-up in the Wednesday, Mr Bush pro-Gulf, just one day after Presi-duced a bundle of translations dent Bush told congressional of Iraqi news stories which leaders that Iraq was seizing had seized on statements by on such criticism as evidence Daniel Moyniban, a Demo-Bill Bradley, a possible lican, and others, suggesting residential candidate, said Mr Bush was rushing the hat with last week's decision country to war. Mr Bush appealed for caution in public

statements. Jesse Helins, a conservative Republican senator, said later that the congressional dissension was enough to elicit
"handsprings of joy" from
President Saddam. James
Baker, the US Secretary of State, told reporters that the pend the new deployment, State, told reporters that the and Congress withhold funding for it, until he justified the branches has "a mutual executive and legislative responsibility ... not to send mixed signals".

In a move which would

He is to lobby the foreign ministers of at least nine of the 15 council members in Paris Such criticism, echoing that or Geneva, including those of Zaire, Ethiopia, the Ivory Codst, Finland and Romania, before flying on to Colombia. Mr. Bush will press the matter with the Soviet, French and British leaders at the Conference on Security and Co-Operation in Europe being held in Paris. The support of nine nations, including the five permanent members, is

Baghdad denounces **US** troop exercise

Dhahran - The United States vesterday launched a beachssault exercise involving hundreds of troops, 16 war-ships and 1,100 aircraft in a move denounced by Bashdad as a warlike provocation (Reuter reports). All branches of the American military, including about 1,000 marines, are involved in the operation. The six-day internation

amphibious exercise, omi-nously called "Operation Imminent Thunder", began in eastern Saudi Arabia, the US military said. The precise location of the exercise, the fourth since the multinational military deployment began in Saudi Arabia, was oot given. Iraq said on Wednesday that the staging of the exercise by US Marines near Kuwait

was provocative and proved that Washington was prepar-ing for war. This is a clear provocative act that exposes, besides much other evidence, the American aggressive in-tentions against Iraq," an official spokesman was reported as saying by the Iraqi

News Agency.

"Iraq believes in its right and its just cause... and is capable of responding with firmness to any aggression," the spokesman said. The US Defence Department said the move was not intended to provoke Iraqi forces into war. A US blayy spokesman said that, for the first time, Saudi military units would also take part in exercises. He added that he did not know why the exercise, which will end next Wednesday, was held in Saudi Arabia. Neither the location

nor the name was meant to.

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provoke or threaten Iraq.

Secrecy plea

Tokyo - Japanese companies supplying the multinational : force in the Gulf have asked the government to keep their names secret after receiving threatening letters, apparently from Iraq. Baghdad has repeatedly denounced Japan for joining the alliance against lraq and some firms fear that being identified as a supplier may threaten the safety of colleagues being held hostage by Iraq.

Chinese denial

Peking - The foreign ministry here has denied that Qian Qichen, the foreign minister. discussed its position on UN resolutions on the use of force against Iraq with President Saddam Hussein when they met earlier this week in Baghad. The denial was in response to reports that Mr Qian had told President Saddam that China would not veto a UN resolution allowing

Arab plea to UN Trade - The League of Arab States has appealed to the United Nations to impose sanctions on Israel for failing to abide by UN resolutions on the Palestinian question and the Middle East. The league asked the UN in a communique to apply to Israel Article
7 of the United Nations.
Charter, which calls for sanctions in the event that resolurespected (AFP)

Arafat warning

Paris - President Saddam Hussein could hold out for three years if war broke out, says Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman. He also told the magazine L'Express that he had been an emissary to Baghdad before the release last month of French hostages in Iraq and occupied Kuwait. Mr Arafat said Kuwaiti oilfields were mined and Saudi oilfields were within striking range of Iraq. (Reuter)

Icon 'cries' peace New York - People are flock-ing to see a Greek Orthodox icon that reportedly began shedding tears last month after a special prayer service for peace in the Middle East. The icon of St Irene, patroo saint of peace at the St Irene Chrysovalantou church in the suburb of Astoria, has drawn 100,000 viewers (AP)

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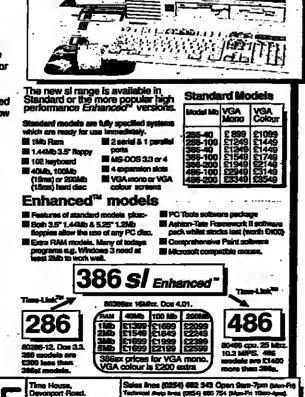
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do not think so personally." He said that most of the Kuwaitis smuggle out key data

been smuggled out through the desert, and are now in New York, where Kuwaiti diplomats are hoping to lodge them with the United Nations to prevent Iraq from repopu-

lating the country.

The 25 discs contain the names and fingerprints of the 1.75 million Kuwaiti and foreign nationals who lived in the emirate before the Iraqi invasion.

The discs represent the mainframe computer at the Civil Information Authority in Kuwait City, and linked to

COMPUTER discs recording attack on August 2, the discs zens of Kuwait, as well as of a copy of the tapes for details of Kuwait's entire pre-invasion population have centre and two weeks later foreign nationals, have been general and Kuwait's governwere smuggled through the forced to fiee the country and ment would establish rules on desert to Sandi Arabia. They arrived in New York this 200,000 Iraqis. tion registry, the text of the

Kuwait's ambassador to the United Nations, Mohammad Abulhasan, has asked the UN Security Council to direct the secretary-general to take cus-tody of the discs to prevent Iraq erasing all traces of the Kawaiti population. "We have discovered from the first ports, so even newborn babies two weeks of the Iraqi aggres-sion that there is a deliberate The discs represent the heart of a sophisticated sion that there is a demonstrate of a sophisticated sion that there is a demonstrate of a sophisticated sion that there is a demonstrate of the sold. destroying records," he said. Kuwaiti officials estimate

ferentiate between the Ku-waitis and the non-Kuwaitis" when the confrontation was for compensation claims. Kn-wait's computer system was linked with hospitals and airand new arrivals would be on record, Mr Abulhasan said. culating the text of a proposed

Mr Abulhasan began cirresolution on Wednesday which would call on the UN the ministries of health and that since the invasion around secretary-general, Javier Pérez tained by the legitime planning. A day after the Iraqi 400,000 of the 700,000 citi- de Cuéllar, to take possession emment of Kuwaitⁿ.

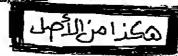
that Iraq has resettled up to access and use of the popula-200,000 Iraqis.

Mr Abulhasan said that the proposed resolution says.

Mr Abulhasan said the

records would be delivered to the United Nations when the resolution was adopted. Western diplomats supported the scheme. "It seems to us a very good idea," said the US ambassador, Thomas R. Pickering.

The text of Kuwait's resolution "condemns the attempts by Iraq to alter the demographic composition of the population of Kuwait and to destroy the civil records maintained by the legitimate gov-



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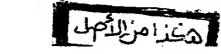
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When it's flip to talk turtle

Philip Howard

owabunga. There's glory for you. Or rather, there's a nice knock-down word to introduce a piece in *The Times* and shock the grave-faced founding editors whose portraits look down on our labours, not always, I fear, with approval. Approval is not the main function of an editor. But when the children in the primary school outside the gates of the word laboratory start shouting "cowabunga" at each other, the time has come to prick up one's cars, and ask what is going on. It doesn't sound like Urdu.

It isn't. For readers over 12, the strange word is the war cry and logan of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, the craze that has swept across America like a stoked tsunami (a huge wave) and is washing through the play-grounds of the East End, encouraged by the merchandisers who recognise that a fast buck can be made from such fads. They spent millions renaming the creatures Hero Turtles rather than Ninja Turtles for Britain, on the grounds that (a) we don't know what Ninja means, and (b) the bloody martial art is deemed inappropriate for children.

Predictably, cool kids in the south of England have found out, and call them Ninja Turtles, defiantly. In the north, the Turtles remain Heroes — another example of our new cultural Hadrian's Wall. The language is Surfspeak, the international lingo of surfers from Bondi to Malibu, and it takes its vocabulary from all quarters. Tsusurfers wait for, is an inaccurate rendering of the Japanese tsu (harbour) and nami (waves).

Cowabunga is not so straightforward. It was adopted by Austratian surfers in the Sixties as an exclamation of delight and drawing attention to oneself at the beginning of a ride. The word's ultimate origin seems to have been Howdy Doody, a children's television programme in the Fifties, in which "Cowabunga!" was the greeting exchanged by Buffalo Bob and Chief Thunderthud. It was broadcast to the world by the "Gidget" surfer films, and then by the influential Peanuts comic strip. Now that the Teenage Mutant Ninja/Hero Turtles have adopted it, there seems to be no stopping the word.

Surfing is a solitary sport, like so many today, such as windsurfing, and (the nitumate in narcissistic solipsism) jogging. As such, more than most sports, it needs a private slang to act as a shibboleth to distinguish between surfers and profane scoffers at their mystery. Surfspeak is a pungent blend of two of the richest wells of slang in English, Californian and Oz. If the surfer rides with his right foot forward he is a goofy-footer If he chooses to zig-zag across the face of a wave he "hot-dogs", and if he walks to the bow of the board and puts five or ten toes over the edge,

then he is "hanging five" or "ten". Like all argots, Surispeak is de-

signed to be exclusive.

Surfing attracts its share of groupies and hangers-on, who need to be put in their place. Non-surfers are nons; learners are wannabees, and a hodad is defined as, "a surfer who rarely goes into the water but still talks, acts and dresses as if he were a minor god of the sport". A hodad is much the same as a blowhard, or a wise guy, or a wimp: somebody who claims knowledge and authority he or she does not possess. As with most slang, the origin is obscure folk etymology; but hoded probably comes from another surfing cry of triumph, just before he is dumped in the foam, goofy over pluto. Even chaps who don't know the difference between a goofy foot and a natural can swank like thrashers (surfing show-offs).

Significantly, many of the im-ages are religious. A great ride is said to be like going to church, or visiting "in the Pope's living-room". A great wave (or an attractive woman) is said by surfers to be "just like death". The jargon extends to the louche aspects of beach-party existence.

Vomiting is "talking to the seals". Surfispeak, which in California dates back to the dear, dim Sixties when the Beach Boys really were boys and before they lost their hair, has arrived in Wapping. But can it really take on here? The difference between what children difference between what children actually like reading and what their parents would like them to read has always been wide. They Amazons or The Eagle. We preferred rougher literature, mainly

to prove our independence. But the great gulf fixed between parents' and childrens' ideas of a good read has seldom been wider than today. The fanzine mags are a strange oew world. Please do not write to me about Prime Time, tucked in the Saturday Review. If you feel like writing, it is not meant for you. All slang is ephemeral. That is the point of slang. The new generation always wants to create its own. But I have a hunch that Surfspeak will not stick in Wapping for long. For one thing, a trip to the seaside (a word unknown in American) means paddling in the murky at Southend with one's trousers rolled up, not visiting with the Pope on a tidal wave. And for another, turtles are not native creatures here, except in soup.

Much of what the Teenage Turtles get up to goes straight back to the tales of chivalry, and they are usefully free of human racial characteristics. But they fail Nor-man Tebbit's test. Not only do they not shout for England, they clearly don't even know what cricket is. (Nor, to judge by her use of it as metaphor, does the prime minister.) But their cry of cowabunga has the mad magic of poetry to last. Cowabunga.

Vernon Bogdanor on the fate of prime ministers who fail the test of collective responsibility

Power must be shared—or is lost

abused the procedures of cabinet government, that decisions which ought to be taken collectively are made by prime ministerial fiat or in bilateral occottations with in-dividual ministers. Mr Heseltine's dividual ministers. Mr Hesettine's resignation in January 1986 over the Westland affair was not, as is commonly supposed, because he could not agree with a collective cabinet decision, but because, in his wires, the retime ministers's cabinet decision, but because, m his view, the prime minister's misuse of the machinery of gov-ernment prevented him from putting his case to his cabinet colleagues for collective judgment. The doctrine of collective re-sponsibility, which lies at the heart

of cabinet government, is difficult to isolate with any accuracy. In particular, it is never quite clear at what stage the process of policy formation has come to an end, and the cabinet is collectively committed to a particular policy. How-ever, collective responsibility requires collective decision-making. No minister need feel obliged to follow a policy when be has been given no chance to discuss it beforehand. Superficially, it seems

a prime minister can gain enor-mous power by manipulating the cabinet; in practice, attempts to do so tend to redound horribly.

Only once this century has a sitting prime minister been over-thrown in peacetime: Lloyd George in 1922. Like Mrs Thatcher, he was accused of abusing the er, he was accused of abusing the procedures of cabinet government, in particular, of conducting his own foreign policy — friendship with Russia, support for Greece against Turkey — which the cabinet had rejected. On October 4, 1922, Curzon, the Foreign Secretary, complained to him that there were in reality two Foreign there were in reality two Foreign Offices", and "whereas I report not only to you but to all my do, it is often only by accident that I hear what is being done by the other FO". Privately, Curzon remarked that Lloyd George "wants his Foreign Secretary to he a valet, almost a drudge".

On domestic affairs, the prime minister used the cabinet committee system to isolate opponents and ensure support for his views. "Mr Lloyd George", Winston Churchill complained, "had a habit of picking his colleagues for natural limit: Lloyd George's great

any preliminary discussions so as to have a working majority of view." When the secretary of state for India, Edwin Montagu, resigned in March 1922, he declared that while Lloyd George was a genius, his government had seen "the total, complete, absolute. disappearance of the doctrine of

cabinet responsibility". Yet, despite the cavalier way Lloyd George treated his cabinet, all but three members remained loyal to him at the famous Cariton Club meeting of Conservative MPs, which took the decision to break with the coalition and in effect to remove the prime min-ister. Disaffection began, as it often does, among the constit-uency parties in the country, and then spread to the backbenches. "My experience", said Bonar Law, who had played the leading role in the overthrow of Lloyd George, "is that all prime ministers suffer by suppression. Their friends do not tell them the truth; they tell them

what they want to hear. Only one other peacetime prime minister has sought to extend the powers of the office beyond their

From the time he took office in May 1937, he determined, like Lloyd George, to take control of foreign policy into his own hands, and away from his Foreign Scoretary, Anthony Eden.

Of his own first major foreign

Of his own first major forcigi policy speech, opposing continued sanctions against Italy, he wrote in his diary: "I did not consult Anthony Eden, because he would Anthony Eden, decluse he would have been bound to beg me not to say what I proposed." In January 1938, he rejected a proposal by President Roosevelt for an international conference on European problems without consulting Eden or the cabinet. In the words of one minister, "The cabinet as a whole learnt of the president's message only when the whole matter was past history." Chamberlain's policies were to reach their culmina-tion in the Munich Agreement that autumn, which was bitterly opposed by most of the foreign policy profe

Under our unwritten constitu-tion, no one has ever sought to define the position of the prime minister, whose formal powers are very great. They include the power to appoint and dismiss position of committees and subcommittees, and, to some extent, to control the cabinet agenda, These powers, however, have one vital constraint: the prime minister must retain the confidence of senior colleagues in pursuing poli-cies agreed at cabinet level. As the examples of Lloyd George and Chamberlain show, if that con-straint is overridden then the system breaks down, making the prime minister's position

Lloyd George, declared Baldwin in 1922, "is a dynamic force, and it is from that very fact that our troubles...arise. A dynamic force is a very terrible thing; it may crush you and it is not necessarily right".

Nobody could be less like Michael Heseline than Baldwin, the quietly-spoken, rather lethangic man who played a central role in removing Lloyd George, in 1922. But those words of his at the Carlton Club nearly 60 years ago must send a shiver down the spine of Mrs Thatcher's supporters as she too comes to realise the limitations of prime ministerial power. The author is a fellow of Brasenos College, Oxford.

Keep it up, Mr Gorbachev, but don't forget the Gulag

Bernard Levin, reopening the case of an innocent man held prisoner for ten years in a Siberian labour camp, finds the powers of the KGB untrammelled

Gorbachev must be a very busy man. With one hand he is trying breaking into pieces, and with the other to prevent his people starving. If he had three hands, the third would he employed in placating Mr Yeltsin, and if he had a fourth, he would use it to calm the Ukrainian students. The fifth would attend to the plight of the be spent arguing with Professor Shatalin, the seventh would be concerned with the oumbers of his citizens who want to leave their country for ever, the eighth would be busy worrying what the Red Army high command will say when he tells them that they must reduce the oumbers under arms by 90 per cent, the ninth would be used in doing much the same to the bureaucracy, and the tenth would be occupied in trying to persuade his cyuscal citizens that they will ultimately benefit from

What I want to know is: if he had eleven hands, would be use the eleventh to examine the case of Adolf Borisovich Gorvitz? I wrote about Mr Gorvitz some six months ago; I shall start with a

brief reminder of who he is.

In 1977 Mr Gorvitz applied to he allowed to leave the Soviet Union. His application was refused, as were all his subsequent applications. No reason was ever given (he had never had anything to do with secret work), and eventually the KGB arrested hum on wholly spurious charges, and had him convicted in a gross parody of a trial and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in the most severe category, called "strict regume". The KGB was particularly vicious in Mr Gorvitz's case, because it wanted him to accuse other people, as innocent as hunself, but he steadfastly refused. You thought the Gulag had finally been dismantled? You were

latest letter of his I have seen, written from his Siberian labour

camp to a friend in Britain: For ten years I have been suffering moral and physical torture, and at the present time heavy physical labour, disgusting food, inhuman conditions and a severe climate where it drops to -60 Celsius ... The ground here for many scores of miles is covered in permanent frost and ice. When a construction team, digging by hand, using picks and sledg make holes for building founds tions, digs up only little scraps of ice and frozen soil, it will give you some small idea of what are the inhuman working conditions and the superhuman strength that is needed for the prisoners

You are beloing me in these extreme conditions of permanent cold and lawlessness to acourt and maintain my human dignity in my everlasting struggle with this enormous state machine and its repressive secret police Organs ... Just a little patience and time and people will learn the truth. The firmner and strength of spurit in the fight against state terrorism, for sovcreignty and freedom, that your prime mintsier. Margaret for rejoicing throughout the world for this strong-willed wonderful woman...Do write

As I said when I first wrote about this dreadful case, no one can expect Mr Gorbachev to know about every instance of the crun inal behaviour of the KGB. The Soviet ambassador to Britain would certainly have read my previous article and will read this but he will just as certainly not bother his master with the plight of Mr Gorvitz, not least because his own position has now, quite

justly, become precarious.

I put it like that because, as I said in my earlier account, "one glance at the Gorvitz file by Mr Gorbachev would be enough for him to see that the entire case was fraudulent"; he would not need

suspects that she will come out

with all guns blazing. "Her instinct is for a fight and if it goes to a second ballot I think she will alter

her strategy and give a big television interview," he says hopefully. Brian Walden, who had

a memorable showdown with Mrs

Thatcher only days after Nigel

Lawson's resignation, says. "You could argue that one distinguished

performance by Mrs Thatcher might solidify her position, but I

suspect she has got it right by not

engaging in a toe-to-toe battle with her challenger. She feels that would make him equal in status."

to show impartiality, has taken to

ending its interviews with Hesel-

tine with an explanatory note.

The BBC, required by its charter

more than five minutes to see the innistice, and for that matter, not more than two minutes to give orders that the wrong must at once

be righted.
Mr Gorbachev, it is true, has a nonstrous problem with the KGB. For decades it has, in effect. run the country; its tentacles have reached everywhere, the opening of its secret archives would be enough to have three quarters of the country's apparatchiks reach-ing for the cyanide, and its power, somewhat diminished but still-

enormous, makes it quite possible that if Mr Gorbachev locked horus with it, be might well lose the

encounter.
That, obviously, is a risk he will not run until be is reasonably sure of victory. With so much at stake, the case of Adolf Gorvitz would bulk small even if be heard about it. But by the same token, his freeing this entirely innocent man would hardly rock his throne, let

alone topple it. It is very difficult for us to understand the magnitude of what

cello's only artistic ability. He has

just assembled an exhibition - his

first — of collages of wine bottle labels. Hearing of it, Mellor insisted that he conduct the

opening ceremony at the Ergon Gallery, which had to rearrange

dates to enable him to fit it in.
Wine bottles apart, the two men

are on the same artistic wave-length. "Wo share a love of music

and opera," says Monticello, And both are devoted to Harry's Bar, a

members-only restaurant that

is happening in the Soviet Union: ironically enough, it resembles nothing so much as the last days of the Romanovs, and any minute now, the roads will be full of holy proclaiming the end of time. A less dramatic picture reveals a man, with few allies to help him or even trust him, trying to cleause the Augean stables not by diverting a river through them but with - his only resource - a leaky bucket. By now, in the offices of the bureaucracy, something like anarchy must be reigning chains of command have long since snapped, the rule is every man for himself, orders dribble away into the sand long before they reach the desk they are directed to, chaos is come

t is said that when the Bastille. was stormed at the beginning of the French Revolution, a very old prisoner was found but neither he nor his juilers could say who he was, much less why he was in there. Something like that is, I should think, becoming the norm not just in prisons and camps, but throughout the entire Soviet system. Every cupboard bulges with skeletons, and when the staff go bome (assuming they have bothered to turn up in the first place) the skeletons come out

Contemplating such disaster, I feel only compassion for Mr Gorbachev, though more for his cold, hungry, cheated country. Skilful juggler though be is, the number of . coloured rungs he is striving to keep in the air will sooner or later be beyond him, if only because . more and more rings are being : flung at him daily. Before he drops the lot, could he not perform one act of truth, compassion and justice for Adolf Gorvitz?

Later: I have just seen another letter that Mr Gorvitz sent to his ' friend. In a reference to the KGB,

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...its most extreme form is still operative, and the Soviet officers in this system have no know-ledge of the word or the feeling of pity, nor do they have any feeling of guilt at the illegatues that they have committed and are committing even now, they have created the most cruel, bloody system...Only behief in God can sustain one in these con-ditions. Our God is with us and

...and moreover

here's not a lot of things Michael Caine doesn't know, but I am willing to bet that one of them is that a cigar-box holds exactly £7. In fact, I am willing to bet £7 that he doesn't. I know where I can lay my hands on that precise sum. You will say hang on, he might just say that he knows, and how can you prove that he doesn't? If you do, I shall reply that if he does know, he will also know bow much a cigar-box containing £7 weighs, because if you knew the one you would

know the other. There's not a lot of people know that. I single out Mr Caine for this public wager not simply because he is the national repository of statistical arcana, but also because he is a cigar-smoker, and I am a gambler. True gamblers take no pleasure in racing certainties; they prefer to give a sucker an even break, else where's the thrill? Though there is only a remote possibility that Michael hangs on to his old cigar-boxes, and an even remoter one that, when he empties his trouser-pockets of an evening, he throws his copper coins into one of them, a

possibility there is. After all, I do. Or, more precisely. I have been doing for the past year. I started because I had an empty eigar-box, and I find it impossible to throw away an empty cigar-box. Nothing looks more useful. Nothing might come in handier. In consequence, I now have a large oumber of full cigar-boxes, in which I keep things that are less useful than cigar-boxes and might otherwise have been thrown away. There is, for example, one full of nutless bolts, and another full of boltless auts, a pleasing symmetry of uselessness lying at the bottom of the tea-chest in which I keep all my cigar-boxes. (It was a big day when the tea-chest arrived Unable to throw away such a useful-looking item. stared at it for a long time before I suddenly realised that it was the best thing there was for

keeping cigar-hoxes in.) Last November, my latest cigar-box fell vacant; but I had nothing to put in it. My single my huge collection of two-pur plugs, sidelined by rewiring, which would be invaluable if we were ever re-rewired, all these and more already had their boxes. And then I remembered that my bedside drawer was full of pennies.

Not only did they look wonderful in their new box, they represented a major breakthrough. Individually useicss, they would become useful by agglomeration: never had a cigar-box been bandier. I do not think I have ever spent a happier year.
Nor ended one as unhappily.

Two days ago, I tried to add a pocketful of copper, but the box wouldn't take it. It was time to tot up. I emptied it onto the kitchen table, and made little piles of ten. They came, remarkably, to exactly 70. Who would have thought that seven quid could look so much? I scooped them back in the box, and drove to the bank. There I stood in the queue

with my cigar-box. When I got to the window, the teller looked at it. He looked at me. He did not start telling. "There's seven pounds," I

"You'll have to bag it," be said. He slid seven little bags under his window. "Next," he

It is not easy, sitting at a table in a bank and counting out a cigarboxful of pennies. Who is this person? say the passing eyes. An undernanding beggar? A talentless busker? A bogus child cashing up after Guy Fawkes week? Or just a poor sod down on his tuck? Used to smoke Romeo y Julietas, but look at him now; it's a lesson to us all, no wonder Thatcher's on the

Eventually, the teller put my seven bags on the scales. That is how I know what they weighed. That is how he knew what one of them didn't.

"There's only 99p in this," he

Or possibly, said the eyes, Bruain's pettiest crook? I found it on the carpet, after a pleasant grovel, and the teller told the seven ones. My stake, course, you could always cheat by morning up the bank with a boxful of coin to find out what it weighs, but take it from me, it

Not even a quick single...

wrong. Here is an excerpt from the

Ithough it must go against the grain of her combative nature, Mrs Thatcher is heeding the advice of her advisers to keep a low profile in the run-up to Tuesday's leadership election. While interviewers lap up words from Michael Heseltine, the prime minister has been uncharacteristically silent since her Guildhall remark on Monday that hostile bowling would be hit "all around the ground".
Heseitme's office calculates that

within 24 hours of announcing his candidature, be had given more than 50 television, radio and newspaper interviews. Requests for more are pouring in from all over the world, and all-but those from the most obscure are being granted. The Thatcher camp, by contrast, says it has turned down over 100 requests for press and broadcasting interviews with the prime minister. Instead it is relying on such lieutenants as Norman Tebbit and Sir George Younger to defend her record. Media heavyweights think the Thatcher strategy is probably the correct one David Dumbleby says of her low-key approach. "It's exactly the same as the campaign she conducted when she won the leadership in 1975. She personally telephoned the producers of Pa orama the night before the second ballot, when all the other can-didates had agreed to take part, to say that her advisers said she should not. She was upset about it, but she didn't participate."

However, should the first ballot

prove inconclusive, Dimbleby

"We asked the other candidate to appear," said the presenter of Radio 4's Today yesterday morn-ing, "but she declined." College road In the latest twist to the row

over the Department of Transport's plan to put a motorway through Twyford Down, Winchester College has been accused of a breach of trust over its failure to resist a compulsory purchase order on the land, designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty Tony Patterson, an old leading objectors to the plan, says the school has reneged on the terms on which the land was bequeathed to it in 1955. "The land was bought by two dons in 1922 to prevent it being developed. The spurit of their bequest is that it should be safeguarded in perpeturty, Instead, the college proposes to cooperate in this



of Winchester and godson of Maurice Platnauer, one of those who gave the land to the college, agrees. He says Platnamer would have bated the plan and would have supported Patterson and his fellow protestors, who favour a tunnel under the Down.

The college has a different interpretation. The bursar, Robin Chute, says: "In an ideal world we

would favour the tunnel, but we have to strike a balance. We are not breaking any trust in selling the land. It was left for the benefit of the boys of the school. It is up to the headmaster whether the proceeds of its sale are used to give them a holiday in the Himalayas

Some sommelier

avid Mellor, the arts minlater, is prepared to reward artistry wherever he finds it, however arcane the form. Including, for example, the daz-zling virtuoso performance by Valentino Monticello, chief sommeher at Harry's Bar in Mayfair, whenever he draws a cork or tops up a glass.

That, however, is not Monti-

or to buy extra Latin primers."

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numbers Michael Caine and Roger Moore among its clientele. Mellor's discerning tastes clearly extend to watering holes as well.

No Havel hand-out

F f Czechoslovakia's film makers thought they would find a champion in President Vaciev Havel, they must think again. The playwright-turned-politician has shown no sympathy for his brother artists at Czechoslovakia's state-owned film studio, and his government has slashed its state . subsidy by three-quarters, making . 2,100 employees redundant. The Barrandov Studio spawned

such famous names as Milos Forman director of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. The new director of the Cuckoo's Nest. tor, Vaclav Marhoul, is trying to attract foreign capital and foreign productions. Jeremy Irons is now in Prague filming Steven -Soderbergh's Kafka, and there are hopes that Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera will be shot there next summer. But perhaps Have's lack of sympathy for the film people is not surprising. Despite its artistic successes, much of the studio's output consisted of building the property republic films. workers'-republic films. It is said that under the old regime, some of the 40 full-time directors made only one film every three years, while Havel, because of his "subversive" activities, had to work as a low-paid labourer in a

● With the Conservative party at ... war over Europe, Labour only narrowly avoided an embarrassment over the same issue on 'Wednesday night. As MPs went into the division lobbies on a Liberal Democrat amendment welcoming closer integration in Europe. Neil Kinnock was locked. in conversation with Sir David Steel, the former Liberal leader.

Labour was abstaining on the vote but Kinnock, engrossed in their talk, walked with Steel straight to the entrance of the aye lobby. A the entrance of the aye 1000y. A saffe was prevented only when a Labour whip, posted outside like a sentry, grabbed his leader's arm and asked him where he thought he

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Moi poised to give go-ahead for Kenyan reform plan

By MICHAEL KNIPE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

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The first sign of a positive response to the reformist pressure came ten days ago when President

Moi directed his attorney general to draft a bill armed at restoring security of tenure to judges, the controller and the auditor-general.

Their constitutional security of tenure had been withdrawn in

1986. The president also specifi-

cally emphasised the importance of good and open government and the rule of law. This appeared to

be a direct response to public warnings from Douglas Hurd, the

foreign secretary, that in future British aid would be conditional

on such issues - particularly pertinent to Kenya, which is Britain's largest aid recipient in

Africa and the second largest

PRESIDENT Moi of Kenya is expected to approve significant constitutional reform within the next few days. Informed sources say the Kenyan leader, who has just returned to Nairobi after attending the enthronement of Emperor Akihito of Japan, will give his blessing to key recommendations made by a 19-man committee of the ruling Kann party, chaired by George Saitoti, the vice-president the vice-president.

The Saitoti report is understood to recommend scrapping three controversial constitutional practices. These are: "queue-voting", where supporters line up publicly behind their candidates at the preliminary stage of voting; a rule enabling candidates to avoid the formalist of a careat help if the formality of a secret ballot if they appear to have 70 per cent of the voters lined up behind them; and the practice of expelling rebels from the party, which inhibits free debate and results in various constituencies having no representation.

Because of the extent of Western aid and investment and its largely pro-Western policies, Ko-nya's one-party political system and its human rights record have attracted extensive criticism in the

Some Kenyan officials com-plain that Washington and Loudon expect more of Kenya than they do of less Western-orientated African states. Certainly, any constitutional reforms will be welcomed by the Nairobi government's 'aid and trade

President Moi is expected initially to indicate privately his approval of the reforms, say the sources. Within a matter of days, they will be formally discussed, first by the national executive. committee of the ruling party and then by a party delegates'

In spite of the pressures internally and from the Western democracies for the introduction of multi-party democracy in Africa, the sources believe that the Saitoti report is unlikely to em-brace political pluralism, which the Kenyan government believes would simply be a recipe for tribal division. President, Moi is not ruling out some form of plural democracy in the future, say the sources, but merely maisting that it be adopted at a time of Kenya's choosing and not as a result of international pressure. The Saitoti committee is understood to abide

As the committee towed the country between June and August, sounding out opinion, it gen erated unprecedented public expressions of dissent. Its bearings provided the first officially sanotioned platform for grassroots criticism of the government since the banning of the last opposition

party 21 years ago. Scores of Kenyans complained of corrupt officialdom, election rigging, "cronyism" and the loss of

constitutional freedoms, while the



Test case: American police yesterday escorting three British Greenpeace protesters into a Las Vegas court where they were charged with trespassing on a Nevada nuclear test site. The women, from left, Jane Gregory, Lorus Richardson and Juley Howard, and Michael Perry, right, their American guide, penetrated "ground zero" and delayed a British test for two hours. They were released on bail

Fishing limit plea angers Argentina

By ANDREW MCEWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN, in talks with Argentina, has put forward a demand by the Falkland Islands for its fishing limit to be increased from 150 to 200 miles because of over-fishing just outside the zone.

The possibility has caused a furore in Buenos Aires, which claims sovereignty over both the islands and the seabed. The opposition Radical party sees it as evidence that President Menem's policy of improving relations with Britain is flawed. Mario Campora, the Argentine ambassador in London, fears it could damage relations

But the British move will please the islanders, who believe their future prosperity depends on it. They have been urging the government for nearly two years to increase the limit, but until now the Foreign Office has shown no interest. Its reluctance stems from fears of upsetting the improved relationship which followed the renewal of diplomatic links in its waters next season.

between London and Buenos

Aires in February.

The British delegation raised the request in talks with Argentina on South Atlantic fisheries, held in Madrid this week. It was unclear whether Britain supported the islanders' demand or only put it forward for discussion. The talks broke up without agreement and without a date being set for another session. Falkland Islands sources suggested that this probably reflected a disagreement over the demand.

The Falkland Islands government has said that unless Britain agreed by this month to extend the zone, it would be forced to reduce fishing in the zone next year. This would further cut the islands' income after setbacks caused by the early closure of the squid season last year. The Falklands government is due to announce this week how many vessels will be allowed to buy licences to fish

Mandela pledges to defend free speech

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

AFTER decades of isolation from the media, Nelson Mandela is resolved to uphold its freedom of expression in a post-apartheid society - including its right to criticise policies of the African National Congress.

Addressing the foreign correspondents' association of South Africa last night, the ANC deputy leader pledged to defend freedom of speech in all its forms.

"Every political opinion, economic theory and social dogma should be subjected to rigorous scrutiny and examination," he said. "It is only in such an atmosphere of free political debate that the wisdom or otherwise of the ANC's political programme can be tested and weighed along with those of other political

parties and movements." Arguing that censorship had no place in a democratic society, he said: "The ANC does not now, nor will it ever, seek to control or arbitratily determine how you perform your work. We wish to see the media report the facts as they see them, without let or hindrance by the state or any political party."
Mr Mandela paid tribute to

Max du Preez, the editor of the liberal Afrikaans newspaper Vrye Weekblad, whose disclosures of alleged murders by government security agencies led to a judicial commission of inquiry. "Mr du Preez, spring from the very loins of Afrikanerdom and born in its heartland, the Orange Free State, has firmly nailed his colours to the mast of press freedom. For daring to esponse this universally recognised democratic principle, be has been pilloried, harassed and persecuted by the South African anthorities.

The editor was fined £1,400 recently for publishing a report about the national intelligence service. He is now fighting a £200,000 libel action brought a senior police officer.

Police find two more victims of mass killer

Dunedin - Police have found the charred remains of two 11-yearold girls at the scene of Tuesday night's mass killing in New Zealand. The bodies were in a house burnt down in a fire allegedly started by the killer, David Gray. The discovery brings to 13 the number of victims of the shooting in Aramoana near Dunedin (Jeremy Hart writes).

Police yesterday released the names of all but one of the victims, among them three members of the Percy family who were caught in the gunfire while visiting the seaside village.

The village was opened for an hour to reporters, who were given a tour of the settlement set among sand dunes on the east coast. Aramoana's surviving 40 residents were staying with friends or relatives away from their village.

Most of the scientific examination of the village was centred on the stone bungalow where Gray, aged 33, lived alone. Ten of his 13 vectims were found within 50 yards of his house, described by Detective Sergeant Peter Gibbons as "unkempt and not a place owned by someone who was house proud". Inside police found two
22 rifles and a large amount of
ammunition "including some in
the fridge". They also found a
library focusing on serial killings

and mercenaries. People who knew Gray told of his mental instability and his fascination with weapons and military subjects. The owner of a bookshop in Dunedin, 16 miles from Aramoans, claimed that Gray once threatened an assistant in his shop with what appeared to be a shotgun disguised in a cardboard box.

Typhoon kills 190 Manila - Typhoon Mike has killed 190 people and left 160 others missing in central and southern Philippines. Relief agen-cies said more than 120,000 people were made homeless by the

strongest typhoon to hit the country this year. The 100mph winds flattened more than 40,000 homes and sank 77 ships and boats. More than a million people either fled from their bomes or lost some property. (Reuter)

Antigua enquiry

St John's, Antigua - The govern-ment here said Colonel Clyde Walker, commander of its security forces, would be dismissed and Vere Bird Jr, the prime minister's son, barred from cabinet office, as recommended by a commission investigating shipments of Israeli weapons to Colombian drug dealers. (Reuter)

Rooftop sex risk

Istanbul - A Turkish doctor has issued a health warning to people who like to have sex on the roof of their house to take care not to fall off. "Many couples in rural Turkey sleep on the roof on hot summer nights," said Dr Askin Karadayi. "Some fall off as they siumber and some fall as they are making love," be told Hurriyet newspaper. About a dozen people are killed and many injured in this way each summer. (Reuser)

Thirties blues sweep America's Third World city

From CHARLES BREMINER IN NEW YORK

Moi: ready to approve constitutional reforms

TOURIST from Hungary cathedral on Fifth Avenue last. out a quarter. He handed it to a . beggar who had accosted him with New York's current refrain: "Spare any change, please?"

"They all seem so poor," said Bela Vali from Budapest, one of the thousands of foreigners who are profiting from the slump in the dollar to taste the delights of America's Third World city. The same hunchtime, hundreds of

pedlars with trinkets were plying the avenue. Around the corner, shoe shine men were thanking customers in Japanese. Farther dipped into his pockets on up Manhattan in Harlem, a the steps of St Patrick's queue wove its way around the dom National Bank, which had

> New Yorkers are switching from thoughts of recession to the term they have taken to calling the "D-word", or Depression. "Buddy can you spare a dime," that anthem of the 1930s, is playing on radio stations, and New York magazine has devoted an issue to discussing whether the city is about to relive the early 1930s, with its bread

queues and starving children. callers to the Samaritans in The sudden onset of hard times Boston, to a boom in tranquilhas triggered what the psychologists are calling an acute sense of foreboding in America. Ampliqueue wove its way around the fied by the Gulf confrontation block as depositors waited to and New York's power as the gloom is sweeping the country.

Never in US history has an economic downturn been so widely advertised and feared before it even began," Newsweek noted this week. The Wall Street Journal, the voice of the business world, argued that recession fever was pulling America into "clinical depression" and citizens were acting irrationally. For symptoms, it pointed to everything from a rush of middle-class

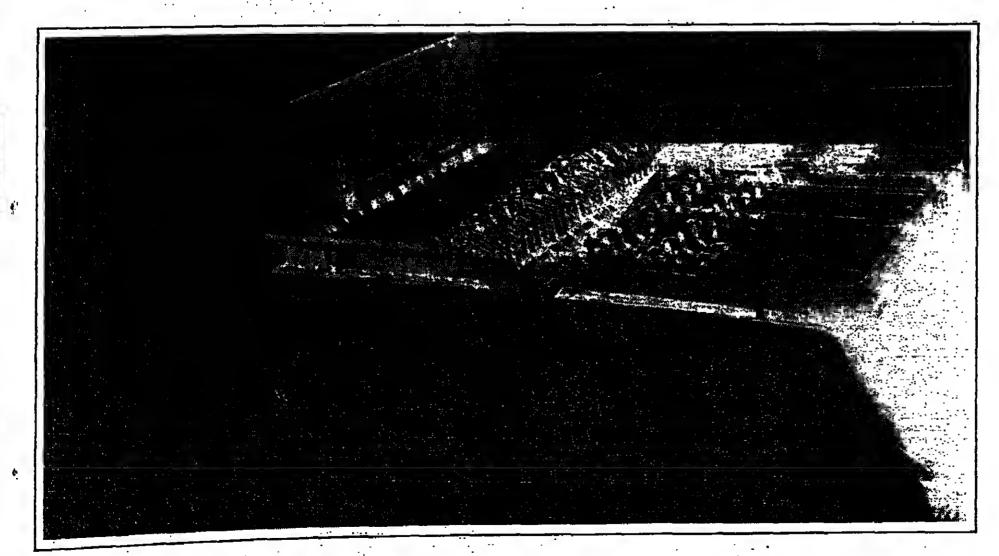
Boston, to a boom in tranquillisers and chocolate.

mericans in general, and New Yorkers in particu-Lar, are throwing themwith the energy they applied so recently to having it all. Tele-vision and magazines are stuffed with advice on "strategies for survival". How do you explain to the kids that you are forced to sell

the second car? With all the dark images and bleak talk, the Hungarian could be forgiven for imagining that he had landed among a nation of paupers. But while bankrupteies are soaring and economists say

the recession has begun, there is little evidence that the country is in for more than a cyclical slump last suffered in 1982.

While the pundits ponder on the psychology, economists are becoming alarmed about the seems intent on talking itself down. If shoppers shun the department stores, already stacked for the Christmas season. the impact could be dire. Robert Mosbacher, the commerce secretary, says he believes fear of a ion could create one. Robert Reich, the Harvard economist, describes the process as a self-fulfilling prophecy. "It's as Roosevelt said: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."



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Birthdays

Service

today Mr Frank Bruno, boxer, 29; Mr Willie Carson, jockey, 48; the Right Rev Dr C.R. Claxton, former Bishop of Blackburn, 87; Lord Fairhaven, 54; Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive, British Airways, 57; Professor W.G. Overand, former Master of Birkbeck College, 69; Mr Griff Rhys Jones, actor, writer and producer, 37; Mr John G. Stenhouse, former chairman, Stenhouse Holdings, 82; Canon Stenhouse Holdings, 82; Canon Stenhouse Holdings, 82; Canon Stenhouse Holdings, 82; Canon H.J. Smart, former chaplain-in-chief, RAF, 64; Professor R.C. Sutcliffe, meteorologist, 86; Sir. Edward Tomkins, diplomat, 75; Professor Michael Zander, professor of law, 58. among others present. HMS Collingwood

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Kent will open the new technology centre at Harraby School, Carlisle, at 11.45; attend a dedication cere-mony for the new war memorial in the Town Hall Square at 1.45; open the refurbished reception area at Cumberland Newspapers, Dalston Road, at 2.40; and, as Colonel of The Scots Guards, will attend a dinner given by the Carlisle branch of The Scots Guards Association at the Round Thorn Hotel, Penrith, at 7.40.

Luncheon

4th Indian Division Major R.J. Henderson, Chair-man of the 4th Indian Division (1939-1947) Officers' Associ-ation, presided at the annual reunion luncheon held yes-terday at the Naval and Military Club. General Sir John Hackett was the guest.

Receptions

High Sheriff of Greater London The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern and the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Lane attended a reception for given by Mrs James Scott, High Sheriff of Greater London, yes-terday in Fishmongers' Hall. ESU and St Christopher's

Hospice
Dame Cicely Saunders, OM,
Chairman of St Christopher's
Hospice, and Mrs Edward Norman-Butler, Chairman of the
English-Speaking Union's Cultural Affairs Council, received the guests at a reception held yesterday at Drapers' Hall after a concert io aid of the ESU Music Fund and the hospice.

Marriage

Mr G. Hydari and Miss S.E. Garvie McInally The marriage took place on Saturday, September 29, 1990, at Westminster Cathedral, SW1, at Westminster Cathedral, SW1, between Mr Graeme Hydari, younger son of Dr and Mrs A. Hydari and Miss Sine Elinor Garvie McInally, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Garvie McInally. Air Vice-Marshal C.P. Baker, Founger son of Dr and Mrs L. Hydari and Miss Sine Einor Garvie McInally, eklest laughter of Mr and Mrs W. Garvie McInally.

The honeymoon was spent in leville.

Air Vice-Marshal C.P. Baker, Director General of Support Management (RAF), and Mrs Baker received the guests at a reception given by the RAF Supply Branch last night in Durbar Court, King Charles Street.

Dinners

Old Reptonian Society
Sir Sydney Giffard, President of
the Old Reptonian Society,
presided at the annual dinner
held last night at Lord's banqueting stric. Mr G.E. Jones,
Headmaster of Repton School,

Caledonian Society
Captain Michael Pearey, RN,
President of the Rugby Football
Union, was the principal guest
at a dinner of the Caledonian Society of Loudon held last night at the Hotel Russell. Dr D.W.C. Smith presided and Air Vice-Marshal G. Kemp also

Brigadier David Neville, Chairman of the Army and Navy Stuttaford also spoke.

KENSINGTON PALACE November 15: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Transport, today received Major-General Peter Benson of relinquishing the appointment of Colonel Commandant and Major-General Bryan Colley on assuming the appointment of Representative Colonel

In the evening, Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Blackie Foundation Trust, was present at the Blackie Memorial Lecture which was held at the National Heart and Lung Hospital, Dovehouse Street, Londoo

Mrs Michael Harvey was in

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this afternoon held a Reception and Investiture of Knights and Dames of the Order at St James's Palace, London

Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE November 15: The Duke of Kent, Royal Fellow, this after-noon attended the Clifford Paterson Lecture at the Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1

London SW1. Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance. The Duchess of Kent, Trustee of the Jacqueline du Pré Memorial Fund, this evening attended a Gala Concert to celebrate Mr Isaac Stern's 70th Birthday at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

Mrs Peter Troughton

dinners

ant Commander B.G. Gunter of the 1940 Taranto aircrew were

Admiral Sir Brian Brown, Chief of Naval Personnel and Second Sea Lord, was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night in FIMS Collingwood. Commander D.A. Raines

RN College, Greenwich Commander M.P. Sanvage Commander of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, presided at a dinner held last night at the college. Mr Cliff Morgan was the guest of honour.

RAE Faraborough Royal Naval officers at No 1 RAF Mess, Royal Aerospace Establishment Farnborough, held a dinner last night in the mess to mark the 50th annivermess to mark the 50th anniver-sary of the Batile of Taranto. Commander J. Shea, Senior Naval Officer at Farnborough, presided. Commodore N.C.H. James, Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Naval Aviation, and Commander G.R.M. Going were the principal guests.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps Major-General D.F.E. Botting, Director General of Ordnance Services, and Officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps held a dinner last night at the HQ Officers' Mess, Deepcut. Brigadier D.T. Kinnear and Staff Sergeant Major B. Johnson, GC, were among the guests

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Francis Danby, the painter, near Wexford, 1793; John Bright, anti-Corn Laws campaigner, Rochdale, Lancs, 1811; Alphouse Daudet, writer, Paris, 1867; Paul Hindemith, composer, Hanau, Germany, 1895; Sir Oswald Mosley, Labour minister and founder of the British Union of Fascists, London, 1896.

DEATHS: Heary III, reigned 1216-72, London, 1272; Perkin Warbeck, pretender to the throne, executed London, 1499; Lucas von Hildebrandt, archi-tect, Vienna, 1745; John Walter, founder of *The Times*, Teddington, Middlesex, 1812.

Service reception

RAF Supply Branch Air Vice-Marshal C.P. Baker,

Royal College of Physicians
Mr M.J. Hussey delivered the
Samuel Gee lecture to the Royal
College of Physicians at the
college last night. Professor
Margaret Turner-Warwick,
president, Mr Richard TurnerWarwick, fellows and members
entertained at dinner afterwards.

Club, presided at the annual
dinner held last night at the
club. Mr John Keegan was the
guest of honour and speaker.

Lincoln's Ina
Lord Justice Parker, Treasurer
of Lincoln's Inn, and the Masters of the Bench entertained at
dinner in Hall on Tuesday

ters of the Bench entertained at dinner in Hall on Tuesday evening, it being Grand Day of Michaelmas Term. Among those present were:



Reform Chub A dinner of the Thackeray Society of the Reform Club was held yesterday evening. Mr Louis Heren was the principal guest. Mr Russell Burlingham

OBITUARIES

COMMANDER WILFRED DUNDERDALE

Commander Wilfred Alfred Dunderdale CMG, MBE (mil), who served as an officer in MIG for 38 years, died aged 90 on November 13 at his home in New York. He was born on December 24, 1899.

"Biffv"

WILFRED

Dunderdale joined M16 in 1921 from the navy, initially to work in Constantinople. He spent the years from 1921 to 1940 in Paris. After the second world war he remained based in London until his retirement in 1959. His father was a shipowner whose vessels plied between Constantinople and the Black Sea ports, affording useful cover for his son's journeyings in disguise during and after the first war to observe the Russian navy in port. Biffy himself was educated at the gymnasium in Nikolayev and was studying naval engineering at Petro-grad, now Leningrad, university when the Bolshevik revolution broke out. His father sent him, aged 16, to meet some American clients from the Electric Boat Company in Vladivostok. They were there to sell the Tsarist navy 12 partially completed suhmarines. Dunderdale acted as interpreter and escort the secret service in 1921,

across Russia In 1919 ships from the British Mediterranean fleet were in the Black Sea concerned at the possible threat acted as a liaison officer on board one of the boats, which was taking passage to a Black Sea port still in White Russian

Dunderdale's only friend on as dawn broke. In November board was a seaman servant 1922 Kemal Ataturk deposed who gave him the tip that a Sultan Muhammad VI who mutiny was planned for the following day, during which Dunderdale and two other laya. Dunderdale accepted the officers were doomed to go task of paying off and officers were doomed to go overboard with weights on their feet. With the help of boarding parties from the Royal Navy, Dunderdale successfully suppressed the muttiny an act that earned muttiny an act that earned or board, still a

him appointment as MBE.
At a later stage the British were invited to send an observer to accompany the imperial procurator on his investigation of the murder of the Russian imperial family at with intelligence on the Soviet Ekaterinburg, which had been recently recaptured by the White army. Given his flu-ency in Russian Dunderdale was chosen for this duty. Later, he was never in any doubt about the falseness of the pretender, Anastasia. He always said that she was the Polish girlfriend of one of the Tsar'a gaolers who was em-ployed by the Tsarina when she needed an extra maid. After Ekaterinburg she re-turned to Poland where she was employed by the Krupp family. Having left the navy to join

Dunderdale played his part in preventing a Turkish coup to wrest Istanbul from the allies who had occupied it. Enough information was obtained for presented by these same 12 the British army to surround suhmarines. Dunderdale those parts of the city into which Turkish forces had been smuggled, whilst the dread-nought HMS Benbow steamed down to the Galata bridge to

backelor. In 1926 Dunderdale was

posted to Paris where he became the principal link to the Deuxième Bureau, dealing Union and counter-espionage against the German armed forces. In the run-up to the second world war Dunderdale made his most significant contribution to British intelligence. His excellent relations with Colonel Gustave Bertrand and the Poles paid off when the British government code and cypher school acquired the German Enigma cypher machine. Dunderale brought it personally to Eng-land. The possession of this device led to the outstanding successes at Bletchley Park during the second world war under the codename of Ultra. After the fall of France Dunderdale returned to

London as a commander, RNVR. He successfully maintained contact by wireless with Colonel Bertrand, who was by then living in Vichy France. In London he kept in touch with the Polish intelligence service in exile, a source of some friction with the Free French



logistic support. Dunderdale's

operating independently gence was obtained on against the Germans from economics and the railway French soil. Cooperation with system. For his work in the the Poles flourished with second world war Dunderdale

Although he never returned main task was to mount en poste to Paris after the war, end: a genuine romantic and operations in France to obtain he kept a palatial flat in the pirate. information on the occupied Avenue Victor Hugo owned French ports. He organised by a wealthy friend. It became can he lived contentedly in several successful réseaux, a salon of some distinction New York with Debbie, who hands. The crew were sympatrain her 13.5-inch guns on the after they discovered that a which reported back on naval where he entertained a most thetic to the Bolshevik cause. Turkish war ministry building number of Polish agents were matters, and valuable intellicationic group of friends of all children.

French, Russian and German). A bottle of viotage champagne was never far from one hand, a cigarette held in a long holder in the other. His work for the secret service to Londoo proved disappointing although his sense of style - a hailmark of the way Dunderdale operated - never left him. Eschewing the drab utility of government offices he contrived to work from a base close to, but removed from, Broadway. There were thick carpets on the floor and portraits of the young Queen Elizabeth and the last Tsar on the walls. A splendid model of a first war Russian submarine dominated the room, flanked by deep arm chairs hung with gold tassels. The whole scene accentuated Biffy's magnificent antique desk. If friends or colleagues needed a Turk a Greek or a Persian to enliven a dinner party Biffy was the man to call to bring them along. He and his second wife Dorothy, could be relied on to make a party go (his first marriage was dissolved). To the sadness of all who knew her Dorothy died and in 1980 Biffy married his third wife, Debbie.

All who knew Biffy remember him with great affection. Britain supplying money and was appointed CMG in 1942. He never lost a friend and he scorned convention to the

Having married an Amerisurvives him. There were no

ROWLAND EMETT



Rowland Emett with one of his machines, the "Lunacycle"

(alias Fongasse). But his section the Far Twittering and Oyster ond attempt was accepted. His Creek Railway: a forgotten Stygian Halt.

Birmingham School of Arts and Crafts; he spent several years working for a commercial art studio. Work was not easy to find in the depression years. But he did produce a number of drawings of imaginary cars which were to prove useful in later years. In 1939 he submitted his first humorous drawing to Punch. This was rejected as "not quite...but very ingenious" by and Crafts; he spent several delight were soon a regular steam trains and a seedy staff of downtrodden drivers and petulant porters. For over a decade, Emett's railway ran to such romantic destinations as Abbots Grumbling and Wistonian About Space and Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. Among these increasingly complex mock—and mocking the war fine the war fin quite...but very ingenious" by End.

a sinister night train on which an artist called, a "lovely travellers were required to desperate look, as though

spidery cartoons of trains, branch-line with crumbling Inevitably. Emett's work They also brought comfort, man's Flying Machine, with and trams and other transports of gothic buildings, decrepit was compared with that of There was, for instance, Nel- its revolutionary autopilot him.

1944, a steam train which met . the public's need for reassuring images of the world. Nellie was a signally patriotic puffer, which remained popular throughout the Fifties and made a number of book appearances, including Nellie Come Home and A New World for Nellie.

creations when be was invited to design a three-dimensional working model of his railway for the Festival of Britain Pleasure Gardens at Battersea. The following year his strange little trains - constructed from, among other things, kettles, rum barrels and of the festival's most popular attractions.

he described as Gothick-Kinetic Things! Many of these Rocking Chair (with cantilevered carpet slippers); and the Featherstone-Kite Openwork Basket-Weave Mk2 Gentle-

lie, born to Punch, in March FRED (Freehand Remembering Empirical Doodling sys-

Emett devised several new cootraptions (including an elaborate device for boiling eggs) for the 1968 film, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, which brought him fame in America, a country he had previously toured in 1953 with a com-In 1950 Emett had a chance mission from Life magazine. to give tangible life to his In 1974 he unveiled his first permanent construction, a 23-foot high Rhythmical Time Fountain in Nottingham's Victoria Centre.

As an illustrator, Emett's work ranged from books by Walter de la Mare to advertisements for Guinness. The most important exdivers' helmets - proved one hibition of Rowland Emett's career came in 1988. It was called Too Late for the Past, So began a new career for Too Early for the Future, .
Emett, as an inventor of what devised by Chris Beetles, and . is currently on show in Washington. Emett himself wrote of journalist and amateur incorporations, and others are alogue that they were "quietly exhibited in such august in- laid aside...unseen and unsung. The gentlemen of Ryder St, when this was disclosed, felt it might be nice for them . to have a second showing, for those, say, who may have missed the first, or those who were not actually born at the time..."With these modest words Rowland Emett, master of the curlique and the revolving wheel, author with his wife, Mary, of Anthony & Antimacassar, a children's story about a china pig and a railway train, bowed out. She

Forthcoming marriages

Dr R.W. Davey and Miss P.A. Kennedy and Miss P.A. Kennedy
The engagement is announced
between R. William Davey, of
Upper Wimpole Street, London,
younger son of Mr and Mrs F.G.
Davey, and Priscilla Anne,
younger daughter of Mrs
E. G. D. Kennedy and the late
Licutenant Colonel Kennedy,
of Acton Round, Bridgnorth,
Shropshire.

"They are doing a little job for

England. You see they spread

ventor. After studying at Birmingham School of Arts

the idea of madness."

Mr S.O. Fricker and Miss T.A. King The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Henry James Fricker and the late Mrs Josephine Turnbull Fricker, of Builth Wells, Powys, and Tania, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.G. King, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr M.R.T. Glover and Miss D.M. Webb
The engagement is announced between Martyn, son of Mr M.W. Glover, of Fleet, Hampshire, and of Mrs S.A. Marshall, of Greatham, Hampshire, and Deborah second departer of Mr Deborah, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.M. Webb, of Bristol.

Mr J.A. Haines Mr J.A. Haines and Miss S.J. Spence
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.H. Haines, of Cockpole Green, Berkshire, and Suzanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W.R. Spence, of Greenacres, Leverstock Green, Hertfordshire.

mond writes).
The Archaeological Resource
Centre, housed in what was once

Mr E.J.A. Henry and Miss M.M. Bromage
The engagement is announced between Edward Joseph Aloysius, only son of Dr R.A. Henry, of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Mrs P.M. Henry, of Thornton Heath, Surrey, and Miranda Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kemeth Bromage, of Holne Chase, Devonshire.

Mr T.A. Llewelfrya Davies

Mr C.A. McCay and Miss A.V. Edmonds
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Penny Hume, of Kington Langley, Witshire, and the late Colin McCay, and Am, youngest daughter of Terence Edmonds, of Froncysyllte, Clwyd, and Margaret Edmonds, of Bath.

Mr T.L. Llewelfryn Davies and Dr K.L. John The engagement is announced between Tomos, younger son of the late Professor David Liewelfyn Davies and of Mrs Mary Llewelfiyn Davies, of Aberystwyth, Dyfed, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Glynne John, of Aberystwyth, Dyfed.

Mr C.G. Lucas and Miss S.J. Boyle The engagement is announced between Clive Gordoo (Luke), second son of Brigadier and Mrs FJ. Lucas, of Harwich, Essex, and Susan Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs JJ. Boyle, of

Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey. Mr M.S. McFetrich Mr M.S. McFetrich
and Miss LB. Thompson
The engagement is announced
between Sean, elder son of Mr
and Mrs David McFetrich, of
Poole, Dorset, and Lilibet,
only daughter of Mrs Bridget
Thompson and the late Mr
Graham Thompson, of Market
Harborough, Leicestershire.

A CONVERTED medieval church in York and Richard Branson's Virgin Group came together yesterday to celebrate innovative public participadon in archaeology (Norman Hammond strikes).

Mr C.J. McVean and Miss M.C. Davis The engagement is announced between James, clder son of Captain and Mrs D.A. McVean, of Oxted, Surrey, and Michelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H.K. Davis, of Orpington, Kent.

Mr S.R.S. Moore and Miss J.M. Peers The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs Rolf Moore, of Botts Green, Warwickshire, and Juliet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Peers, of Castle Frome, Herefordshire.

Mr A. Shankar
and Miss P.S. Jones
The engagement is announced between Avi, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R. Shankar, of Greenwich, and Penny, daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs
Dennis Jones, of Burbage, Leicestershire.

and Mrs M.C. Waring
The engagement is announced between Hugo Young, son of Gerard and Diana Young, of Hampstead, London, NW3, and Lucy Waring. daughter of the Vice-Admiral and Mrs
Forsyth Massey, of Pimlico, London, SW1, and Bethel, Vermont.

Mr J.R. Thorold

Mr J.R. Thorold and Miss E.A. Cruickshank
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Colonel M. Thorold, and of Mrs Thorold, of Stainby, Lincolnshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A.J.E. Cruickshank, of Corbridge, Somerset. Mr J.P. Webber

and Miss J.A. Whitney
The engagement is announced
between James Peter, son of Mr
and Mrs Michael Webber, of Bamford, Derbyshire, and Jane Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Whitney, of Balbeggie,

Dr N.J. Wooding
and Miss K.d'E. Wellby
The engagement is announced
between Nicholas, younger son
of the laze Mr Donald Wooding,
and of Mrs Barbara Cariton, of
Inkford, Birmingham, and Kate
d'Estreme daughter of Mrs d'Esterre, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Wellby, of Wimbledon.

Mr H.J.S. Young and Mrs M.C. Waring

York collects another archaeology award

the Dartmoor Reaves, pre-historic walls that mark ancient land boundaries.

Yorkshire took the lion's

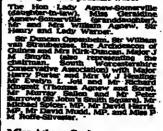
The archiects Alsop and Lyall for the restoration of Leeds

Corn Exchange.

The archiects Alsop and Lyall for the restoration of Leeds Yorkshire took the lion's share, however. Apart from the "Ark" in York, run by York Archaeological Trust, the Pitt-Rivers award for a project by a voluntary group went to Scarborough Archaeological and Historical Society for its work an the inedical town and the inedical town and the property of the p

Memorial services

Commander Sir Peter Agnew



Miss Athene Seyler

Miss Athene Seyler
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Athene Seyler was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Elliott officiated, assisted by the Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, who led the prayers. Mr Donald Sinden and Mr Andrew Stocker, great grandson, read the lessons.

Miss Gwen Watford, Chairman of the Theatrical Ladies' Guild, read When I Have Fears by Noël Coward and Mr Richard Briers gave an address. The Right- Rev Leonard Ashtoo pronounced the blessing and the Very Rev William Baddeley was robed and in the sanctuary.

very kev william Backeley was robed and in the sanctuary. Among those present were:

ber Jave Ann Jones (daughter), the Larry of the Dark of the Dark

Commander Sir Peter Agnew
A memorial service for Commander Sir Peter Agnew was held yesterday at St Matthew's, Great Peter Street, SW1:

The Rev Michael Hayes officiated. Brother James Francis and the Rev Dr Peter Lynn read the lessons and Sir Quentin Agnew-Somerville, son, read from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. Prebendary Gerard Irvine gave an address. Among others present were:

The Hon Lady Agnew-Somerville (datageter-th-law). Miss Geratdine Agner. Agner Geratdine, Miss Geratdine, Miss Geratdine, Miss Geratdine). Miss Geratdine, Miss Geratdine,

and their daughter survive

Mr Kingsley Wright A memorial service for Mr Kingsley Wright was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street Canon John Oates offici-ated Mr E.W. Swanton read the lesson and Mr Radford Barrett read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Lord Deedes and Lord Oaksey gave addresses.

Sir Alan Mocatta A memorial service for the Hoo

A memorial service for the moo Sir Alan Mocatta, OBE, will be held at the Spanish and Portu-guese Synagogue, Bevis Marks, London, EC3, on Wednesday, December 5, 1990, at 6 pm. Sir Geoffrey

Hawkings The memorial service arranged for Sir Geoffrey Hawkings on November 24, will no longer take place.

Middlesex Polytechnic

Peter Roy, head of Middlesex mond writes).

The Archaeological Resource Centre, housed in what was once St Saviour's Church in York, won a new £1,000 award for the best presentation of an archaeological project m the public.

Ship of archaeology go to Mobil, for supporting excavations at Volument and Safety and Saviour's Church in York, won a new £1,000 award for the best presentation of an archaeological project m the Dr Andrew Fleming's study of Polytechnic, won a new £1,000 award for the best presentation of an archaeological project m the Dr Andrew Fleming's study of Polytechnic award for a project by a volument group went to Scarbour's Church in York, won a new £1,000 award for the best presentation of an archaeological project m the Dr Andrew Fleming's study of Polytechnic award for a project by a volument group went to Scarbour's Church in York, won a new £1,000 award for the best presentation of an archaeological project m the Dr Andrew Fleming's study of Polytechnic award for a project by a volument group went to Scarbour's Church in York, won a new £1,000 award for the best presentation of an archaeological project m the Dr Andrew Fleming's sward for a project by a volument group went to Scarbour's Church in York, won a new £1,000 award for the best presentation of an archaeological project m the Dr Andrew Fleming's sward for a project by a volument group went to Scarbour's Church in York, won a new £1,000 award for the presentation of an archaeological book of the presentation of an archaeological book of the presentation of an archaeological project m the Dr Andrew Search Church in York, won a new £1,000 award for the presentation of an archaeological book of the presentation of an archaeological project m the Dr Andrew Fleming's sward for a project by a country. Dr John Hurst was rewarded for a record 41 years of excavations at Whartan Percy, Lag Windows Bennett, Mir Bennet

graphical Society; the other new donor, Thames Television, saw its trophy for the best sponsor-ship of archaeology go to Mobil, for supporting excavations at Tintagel in Cornwall.

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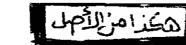
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BUT CAN SHE WIN?

Michael Heseltine's claim to the Tory leadership has at its heart a brute simplicity. "I am persuaded that I would now have a better prospect than Mrs Thatcher of leading the Conservatives to a fourth electoral victory." The 372-strong electorate to which he is appealing, Tory members of parliament, has a straightforward interest in the outcome of the vote. The next general election will determine the jobs of probably the majority of them, jobs either as ministers or as MPs. The candidate who can claim more likely success at the polls will have most direct access to their hearts.

That candidate at present is Mr Heseltine. The latest spate of opinion polls indicate that, were he leading the party, it would make up ten points of its approximate 15 point deficit against Labour. While Tory voters overwhelmingly prefer Mrs Thatcher, the electorate as a whole, and especially centre floating voters, are more attracted to Mr Heseltine. This peophology is potent.

The simplest counter-attack is that Mrs Thatcher has been here before. Her and her party's support was even weaker in October 1981. Though none of the "wets" dared to challenge her that year, the plight of her party in the opinion polls was even more dire then than it is today (27 per cent against 32 per cent). Yet within 18 months, Mrs Thatcher devastated her opponents. Likewise in the summer of 1986, Mrs Thatcher seemed on the ropes, with barely a third of the electorate professing support. Again, a year of vigorous campaigning brought her an election victory.

There were special factors to explain each recovery. The Falklands war, the Liberal/SDP alliance splitting the anti-Tory vote, Labour's leadership troubles under Michael Foot, a mini-election boom, all played their parts. But the art of politics is the art of manipulating special factors. Whatever else may be said of Mrs Thatcher, she has never shown herself a

reluctant manipulator. Even where governments have been thrown out of office at general elections, they normally do so only after seeing some considerable recovery from mid-term troubles. The Wilson. government ejected in 1970 was confidently expected to win, after being written off as dead in the water in 1968. The same was true of Mr Heath in 1974, despite his troubles of 1972.

The lesson of history is to beware the lessons of history. Any statistician can see that this will turn tomorrow and next week.

time a Tory recovery will be harder than in 1983 or 1987. The recession has come uncomfortably late in the election cycle. The Labour Opposition looks increasingly electable. The third-party parrot may not be dead, but it still scratches intermittently and seems to hurt the Tories more than Labour.

On the other hand, Mrs Thatcher could find hope in a successful outcome to the Gulf confrontation. The depth of the present recession offers scope for more cuts in interest rates and some electorally reviving reflation over the next year. In John Major, Mrs Thatcher has an astute Chancellor unlikely to jump ship on matters of personality or

principle over the next few months. All this merely means that the electoral prospects for Mrs Thatcher's leadership must be considered at least an open question by her MPs. While her unpopularity with the electorate remains high, it has been high for much of her period as prime minister. She retains many of the attributes highly regarded in a leader, especially a leader facing economic or foreign policy difficulties: strength, coolheadedness and, above all, experience. Her less flattering attributes, lack of warmth and care, have not told against her in the past.

The Conservative party has long relied on unity as part of its appeal. Mr Heseltine has damaged that unity, albeit in what he regards as a necessary cause. That will not help the party, but it will not help the party whether Mr Heseltine or Mrs Thatcher is leader. Many party figures have been worsted by Mrs Thatcher over the last 11 years. But, fairly or not, Mr Heseltine's assumption of power would be bitterly resented by an equal number. Mrs Thatcher can at least argue that, with Mr Heseltine beaten and silenced, a greater sense

of continuity can be presented to the voters. Conservative MPs will naturally be influenced by evidence of Mr Heseltine's electoral superiority. Against that, they need to reflect on whether the factionalism that would accompany Mr Heseltine as prime minister would cement or erode that superiority over the coming months. Mrs Thatcher is a threetime election winner. If Mr Heseltine has electability, so does she. MPs would perhaps best conclude that they should decide on grounds other than whether or not their seats or jobs are at risk. To those grounds The Times

CONSULTING AMERICA

Democracy and war make uneasy bedfellows. Democracy requires publicity, consultation and compromise, all of which may weaken the effectiveness of military action. Demands that the US Congress be recalled for a full-dress debate on American aims in the Gulf have multiplied since President Bush's decision last week to send reinforcements to Saudi Arabia. On balance, President Bush should heed them.

The White House objects, ostensibly because Mr Bush's strategy is unchanged and still rests on hopes of a peaceful solution to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. That response is tactically unwise because it undermines the impact of the troop reinforcements on President Saddam Hussein and because it is not the true reason. In so far as American strategy is unchanged, it rests on the ultimate willingness to use force. Mr Bush is reluctant to consult Congress because there is no guarantee that he would win unequivocal support for military action to drive Iraq out of Kuwait, without conditions being attached (for example, not tocarry the war into Iraq) which could drag out the war and raise American casualties.

Mr Bush's misgivings are understandable. A special session of Congress would bear almost no resemblance to September's emergency one-day session of the British parliament. The debates would be infinitely more protracted. Thanks to the separation of powers between the American presidency and legislature, Mr Bush could not play the same role as Mrs Thatcher. Above all, long-running constitutional arguments about which, president or congress, has the authority to order troops into

battle would be given a field day.

In his handling of Iraqi aggression so far, however, Mr Bush has made a point of consultation, successfully balancing military decisiveness and speed with patient diplomacy to build and maintain an unprecedented international coalition. He can ill-afford to ignore

advice that public support will crode without a thorough airing of the choices facing America, particularly since the unnecessarily cryptic nature of his recent utterances has helped to generate the demands for more public debate.

As a war in which thousands of American soldiers could die becomes more certain. Americans need a fuller explanation than such one-liners as "I've had it". Mr Bush's attacks on dissenters for giving succour to the enemy this week are counter-productive. Such defensiveness can only feed anti-war sentiment. Dissent is the lifeblood of democracy, persuasion the essence of leadership. The president needs to put his one-liners into context with a powerful restatement of America's war aims.

Mr Bush must explain why the demands of the United Nations - unconditional Iraqi withdrawal; restoration of Kuwait's legal government, release of all hostages - admit of no compromise. He must explain why Irag's military and political ambitions pose such exceptional dangers to international, as well as regional, security that America's interests are directly threatened. He needs to explain why sanctions may not achieve their objective. While emphasising the absolute priority of defeating Iraq, he should not be afraid to mention the need for more democracy in the Middle East. He needs to reassure Americans of his determination to maintain the widest possible international support for whatever decision is needed, even if responsibility ultimately rests with the White House.

Such an appeal should precede Congressional debate, which Mr Bush neither can nor should preclude. A special session could heip to prepare Americans for war, by giving their representatives a fair say in what cannot but be a national debate. Having decided to reinforce America's power to strike, Mr Bush cannot ignore legitimate anxieties on his home front.

FAILING IN CHARITY

St Paul's exhortation that of faith, hope and charity "the greatest of these is charity" is not impressing the average family. The proportion of people giving to charity has fallen to 74 per cent from 78 per cent last year, and 80 per cent the year before. The trend away from giving against the hopes of the present government started before high inflation and interest rates began to empty the public's pockets.

Give-as-you-earn, the government's cumbersome scheme for tax-exempt charitable deductions from pay, has, as widely predicted, proved no more than a one-day wonder. The Treasury and Inland Revenue made the scheme as unattractive as possible since it involved Whitehall's greatest horror, open-

ended tax deductability. Merely shaming the public for its meanness will not correct the trend. The director of the Charities Aid Foundation, Michael Brophy, concludes that charities have counted too much on tax exemptions to persuade individuals to give more. This faith never was particularly realistic. Somebody too mean (or distrustful) to give to charity from his taxed income is unlikely to be less reluctant to give from his untaxed income. The charities, not

the donor, benefit from tax-exempt giving. The most damaging new excuse for not giving to charities is that they have become extravagant, inefficient and in some cases even corrupt. This belief, fed by occasional scandals, has hurt good and bad charities alike. The blame rests heavily on the Charity Commissioners, who undermined public confidence in their ability to police the charity world until

they were called sharply to order by the public accounts committee in 1988.

The Comptroller and Auditor General, John Bourn, yesterday published the National Audit Office report to parliament on the patient's progress so far. He is impressed by the commissioners' response to the committee's censures. A new computer, tighter rules for regulating charity accounts and more staff employed on monitoring and investigation are beginning to clean up the sometimes sleazy charity world, though the report notes that the legal requirement for the regular submission of accounts is still being widely ignored.

The commissioners have a natural fear that to hold charities rigorously to the letter of the law, using the courts where necessary, may lead to further public scandal and further damage to the reputation of charities as a whole. In the short term they may be right, but in the long term discipline is the only way public confidence will be restored. Confidence would be further increased by the early enactment of the Home Office's legislative proposals to give

the commissioners sharper teeth. The widely expected new charities bill was missing from the Queen's Speech. The National Audit Office yesterday recommended such a bill as a matter of urgency. Tougher laws are needed. But the publicity alone would persuade a sceptical public that charities are becoming trustworthy enough to deserve greater support, this advancing the government's desire for charitable giving to supplement the welfare state.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tory party leadership: Thatcher record and Heseltine prospects

From Professor Patrick Minford Sir, In the last II years Mrs Thatcher's free-market reform programme has paid off massively in productivity growth, industrial profitability, falling unemploy-ment and an end to 1970s overmanning. The candidature of Michael Heseltine for the leadership must raise acute anxieties among those who have supported the Conservative party in this

ageous programme. Mr Heseltine espouses the corporatist policies that so conspicu-ously failed in the 1970s, and that are still arged on us by the Labour party. It was those very policies that gave us the overmanning, stagnant productivity, and the profitability at one third of the OECD average. In the EC context they imply Fortress Europe, a nightmare that the Thatcher government has successfully fought so far, in the interests of all Europe-

Conservative MPs can hardly need reminding of the dangers of going back to ideas of this sort. Yet these are the main distingui marks of the Heseltine platform: the party line on exchange-rate mechanism membership, preservation of economic sovereignty and modification of the community

Howe philosophy

Sir, Sir Geoffrey Howe now asserts

(report, November 14) that "the Bretton Woods regime did serve

as a useful discipline", in justifica-

tion for joining a mini-Bretton Woods covering a minority of the

world's financial and economic

surface. This comes unconvinc-

ingly from a member of a cabinet

which abjured Bretton Woods in theory as well as practice.

He had always claimed, until a

matter of months ago, to have

been the forerunner of the "Thatcherite" and "monetarist"

(a term whose epistemological

Cancer study

From Sir Alfred Sherman

charge. On inflation, the - in any case fallacious - argument of what might have been if we had joined the ERM in 1985 is no alternative to the tough policies now being followed. Mrs Thatcher's free-market

policies have brought her party success at three general elections. Conservative MPs must at all costs keep their nerve and support her, then the normal cycle of popular support will come to their aid as the next election approaches. Betrayal of their principles now would destroy their credibility.
Yours faithfully,
PATRICK MINFORD, University of Liverpool,

Department of Economics and Accounting, Eleanor Rathbone Building, PO Box 147 Liverpool L69.

From Mr William Powell, MP for Corby (Conservative) Sir, Robert Peel, over the Corn Laws, and Gladstone, over Irish Home Rule, came to political grief by dividing their parties against themselves with the consequence that for most of the next generation first the Conservatives and

"Thatcherite" economic philos-

No man can serve two doc-

"an exchange-rate mechanism can

be seen as an extra discipline for

getting down inflation". Leaving aside the practical question whether entry into the ERM will

abate one wage claim. The essence

of the philosophy which Sir Geof-

frey articulately espoused from 1974 until very recently is that

wage levels cannot cause inflation.

For Mrs Thatcher the future development of Europe is proving

to be a similar situation. I estimate that about 95 per cent of my colleagues are enthusiastic supporters of Mr Major's plan for the hard ecu which we see as the most constructive and practical proposal for future monetary progress in the Community. Sir Gooffrey Howe has made it quite clear that Mrs Thatcher is amnogst the 5 per cent who do not. To them it is designed for the negative purpose of wrecking.
It is obvious that Mrs Thatcher

cannot reunite the Conservative party. That Mr Heseltine is the cause of present troubles is absurd. Sir Geoffrey did not resign because of him, nor did Mr Lawson. Many of my colleagues believe that if she were to continue in office further debilitating resignations would result.
We all know that the die is cast and the sad fate of the magnificent

Sir Robert Peel awaits Mrs Thatcher. Yours sincerely, WILLIAM POWELL, House of Commons

November 15.

validity I should personally cononly government monetary policy test) revolution. As chancellor be certainly expressed the unalloyed can do that

There is no factual basis for his claim that joining the ERM five years ago would have abated nur ophy, and I can find no record of his intellectual conversion since. present inflation. Until the Lawson boom predictably predictedly - produced inflation, Britain's record on inflation was trines. The economic philosophy underlying Thatcherite views makes nonsense of the claim that better than those in the ERM.

The point at issue is not doctrinal correctness per se, but intellectual consistency. I find Sir Geoffrey's abandonment of this saddening whatever its political outcome. Yours faithfully.

ALFRED SHERMAN, 10 Gerald Road, SW1.

then the Liberals were unable to From Lord Wade of Chorlton establish strong united govern-

Sir, The prime minister's approach to the European Community is entirely correct. Each country in Europe is independent and is negotiating to obtain the best terms, as they see it, for their people as the plans for the future Europe are slowly brought together. Past experience shows that not all the other members of the Community are quite as European as they pretend. They make

> set standards they never intend to The discussions on the future of the European Community and how closely united the countries of Europe will become are only now being properly understood. It will be many years before we see any practical breakdown of national barriers. They will be of great benefit to all when they come but at this stage of these negotiations it is imperative that Britain is repre-

agreements that are not kept and

sented by a prime minister whn puts Britain's interests first. Those MPs and others who wish to see a change of leadership of the Conservative party are completely wrong. In the economy the government has made mistakes that it understands and is now taking action to correct. But at the present time the people of this country are far better off than they ever were in the 1970s and early 1980s, and the next boost forward that will come in 1991 and 1992 will again bring great benefits to the whole nation. The government

team is strong, effective and able, Nothing will give a clearer message to the countries of Europe and the nations of the Middle East that Britain is united in its determination to be a winner in both areas than to ensure that Mrs Margaret Thatcher continues to be our prime minister. Yours faithfully,

OULTON WADE (Joint treasurer, Conservative party, 1982-90), House of Lords.

I am not alone in drawing this Role of Eucharist

conclusion. Sir Walter Bodmer. From Dr Tim Sheard director of research at the Imperial Sir, Your report, "Cancer study 'flawed" (November 9), suggests that the study on survival of Cancer Research Fund (which part-funded the study), wrote independently to The Lancet and women with breast cancer attendstated: "Our own evaluation is ing the Cancer Help Centre in Bristol has come under "renewed that the study's results can be explained by the fact that women going to Bristol had more severe chisease than control women. In criticism". I am quoted as saying that "the study is seriously flawed". I actually said that the study is "fundamentally flawed" and it has now been scientifically particular, they had a much higher

rate of local recurrence".

This study is not being subjected to "renewed criticism"; it I outlined the many reasons for has been scientifically discredited. this in a letter to The Lancet on, Enormous damage has been done November 10, the main point in the two months since its being that the researchers failed to publication. I have therefore compare like with like and that called upon the researchers to they did not take into account withdraw the report as an imfactors which influence the the public record. prognosis of breast cancer. They Yours sincerely, therefore failed to pick up that the women who attended Bristol were TIM SHEARD, more seriously ill than the control

Cancer Help Centre, Grove House, Cornwallis Grove, Bristol, Avon. November 13.

Aids message From Mrs Annabel Kanabus

Sir, Valerie Riches' comparison (November 1) of Aids with heart disease and cancer is a reminder of the possible cost of Aids in the future both financially and in

group with whom they were being

compared. It is no surprise that

they went on to relapse and die

terms of human suffering.
The relatively small number of people ill and dying now is a reflection both of the number of people infected with HIV some five to ten years ago, and the use of drugs which slow down, but do not stop, the progression of the disease. The number of people infected is much greater now and most people accept the difficulty of making accurate estimates.

By the time tens of thousands of people are dying there will be

Plastics menace

From Mr Roddy Sale

the countryside.

Mahoney, SJ

several hundred thousand infected. At that stage in the epidemic it will be impossible to stop the number becoming ill increasing still further over the next few years until the impact of Aids is indeed comparable to heart disease or cancer.

So we must have effective Aids

education now; otherwise we will indeed be faced with a tragedy of enormous proportions in a few years' time, and looking back we will all have to face the fact that it could have been prevented. Yours faithfully. ANNABEL KANABUS (Trustee),

Avert (Aids Education and Research Trust),

PO Box 91, Horsham, West Sussex.

Water rates From Mr H. E. Prest

Sir, I recently received a demand for water rates which surprised me Sir. The black plastic coverings used by farmers for the production as my water supply is metered. I enquired from the Severn Trent of silage and to preserve bales are frequently left uncollected to litter Water Authority as to why a rate had been levied. The lady to whom I spoke replied that the authority charged me for cleansing the rain water which drained off my property. I pointed out to the With the progress in producing inexpensive biodegradable plastics, principally by the addition of starch, should it not be made

obligatory for plastics used in agriculture to be biodegradable? lady that I did not have a garden which elicited the response that I I remain, Sir, your obedient did have a roof. Yours faithfully, RODDY SALE, HEDLEY PREST, Dowdeswell Home Farm, 3 The Stables, Andoversford, Northwick Park, Blockley, Gloucestershire.

Gloucestershire. Ethics of 'just war' From the Reverend Professor Jack

Sir, In appealing to the New

fourth century the church suc-cumbed to the allurements of

subscribes (November 10), as do

others, to the thesis of "the

Constantinian betrayal" of the

Gospel. The facts, however, allow

for a different theology of the

church's relationship with society.

authorities, with the moral and spiritual challenges and uncertainties of the day, including the search for constraints on the use of

force in pursuit of political aims.

The Bible exhorts us to do Testament and claiming that with the conversion of the Roman emperor to Christianity in the justice, and also to love our neighbour. But it does not tell us what to do when the appeal of unconditional love and the varipolitical power, the president of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship ous claims of justice for others appear to be in direct conflict. In international affairs the best that the mainstream of Christian reflection has come up with is what we know today as the "just war" tradition, whose main purpose is not to validate, but to evaluate, recourse to hostilities.

The second secon

With its new-found acceptance and moral authority the early To the analysis and modern church found itself impelled by its application of this tradition by own interior dynamic to accept unprecedented social responsibil-Clifford Longley (article, November 3) and other correspondents (November 8, 10) I should wish to ities, and thus to renounce the luxury of remaining an clite add the consideration that, while spiritual enclave for ever opposed the forces ranged against Iraq may win the fighting, should it break to "the world". This involved win the fighting, should it break Religious Studies, wrestling, alongside the secular out, I am unsure as to what Strand, WC2.

From the Reverend Robin Burgess Sir, There must be many thousands of people baptised and even confirmed in the Church of England who now play no part in its life and hardly ever enter a church

building to worship God. The Prayer Book Society, whose secretary's letter you published on November 5, would no doubt claim that they have been alienated by recent changes in forms of worship. . Is it not more likely that this

vast fringe of the uncommitted, the indifferent and uninterested is the product of a tradition of spirituality and worship, based on the Book of Common Prayer, generations to foster any very lively sense of the reality of God in people's lives or desire to worship him?

"Devout or inquiring souls" who enter an Anglican church today are likely to find the Eucharist, the most ancient and

anthentic act of distinctively Christian worship, restored to its central place, and in a form which once more brings Anglican wor-ship into touch with the great depth and richness of the Christian liturgical tradition in the West. They will find also that this reform of worship has gone hand in hand with renewal and new thinking in many aspects of the Church's life.

I am sure that such people will

find a ready welcome in our churches and no lack of help or explanation in finding their way in what at first may be unfamiliar, or of willingness to guide them further to a point where they can make a fuller commitment of themselves to God and his church. If they themselves draw back and say, "No, this is not for me", who then will have parted company with whom?

Yours sincerely. ROBIN BURGESS.

From Mr John D. Shepherd and

Sir, John O'Leary's excellent arti-

cle on basic education in third world countries ("Education",

November 5) refers to major

contributions being made by the World Bank and Unesco. This is

good, but it is top-down; for

classroom materials and teacher

training the opposite approach is

Having spent modest amounts on research, the Harold Mac-millan Trust now has five groups

of teachers ready to develop their

own materials in Africa and Latin

America. We have a big group in Uganda ready and willing to

develop materials for teacher

training; together with the Ran-furly Library Service we have half-

a-dozen British universities ready

to supply books to a dozen African

universities in response to their

requests; we even have about 60 or

so British writers of school books

who are ready to go and help their

counterparts get started.

The "wind of change" is still

blowing in Africa. We must help,

and a vitally important way of doing it is by working to improve

basic education. Most vital of all is

to help people to help themselves.

Yours faithfully, JOHN D. SHEPHERD (Chairman),

Sir, I share Mrs Elizabeth Mar-

riage's concern (November 3) on

finding a Teenage Mutant Ninja

Turtles' Advent calendar, but

surely these creatures can provide

a true parable for modern times.

The Harold Macmillan Trust.

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Temple Avenue, EC4.

Turning turtle

From Mr B. H. Brock

Mr Adam Macmillan

48 Brentmead Gardens, NW10. Turning a phrase **Battle for basics**

From Mr J. S. K. Milne Sir, Jesus, the good shepherd, is, I learn (Mr Lennard, November 6), known to the Taiwanese as the goose-keeper.

Similarly, the translators of the Psalms into Gaelic (the Reverend Robert Kirk in the seventeenth century at Aberfoyle and Dr Stuart of Luss in the eighteenth) wrought before the Clearances and the arrival in the Highlands of Borders shepherds with their flocks, and so they rendered the first verse of the 23rd Psalm as Is e an Tighearna mo bhuachaille: cha bhi mi ann an dith; in English: "The Lord is my cowherd: I shall

No one, I am glad to report, has been tempted to update this reflection of the ancient pastoral life of the Highlands — that of the summer shielings and the drove roads — with the less sonorous modern word for shepherd. Yours faithfully,

J. S. K. MILNE, The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, SW1.

not want"

From Miss Jane Ross Sir, Animal rights supporters might be cheered to know that in Norway our "a miss is as good as a mile" translates as "close doesn't shoot the rabbit". Yours faithfully,

JANE ROSS, 12 Revelstoke Road.

Southfields, SW18.

winning the war would mean. It might give a modern twist to the

Moreover, what seems of much more long-term consequence for global peace is the unique expression of international condemnation which has been secured at Iraq's aggression. For this to acquire the important authority of effective precedent entails that, if force is reluctantly (sic) resorted to when all else has manifestly failed, then this further exercise of justice should not only be claimed to be done under UN sanction; it should be seen to have been agreed upon beyond all reasonable doubt. Yours faithfully, JACK MAHONEY, King's College London, University of London,

Department of Theology and

sardonic comment of Tacitus on the Roman legions that they created a desert and called it

> Living in the symbolic environment of an urban sewer, their being is the result of radioactive mutation. Raised on junk food, they have been indoctrinated in violence at an early age. Nevertheless their teenage behaviour exemplifies all that is

valiant for good in the struggle against evil. Perhaps a Christian message? Yours faithfully,

B. H. BROCK, Willow Cottage, Burcombe, Salisbury, Wiltsbire.

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Is this the next Denis Thatcher?

As her husband's campaign gathers pace, Anne Heseltine tells Libby Purves how she would handle the role of prime ministerial spouse

y late on Wednesday, the Heseltines' house in Belgravia would have made a promising setting for an upmarket television sitcom. A huddle of photographers stood A huddle of photographers stood under the lamp in the street, waiting to catch the star. At the front door, under a thatch of white-blonde hair, was a blithe and glamorous Alexaodra Heseltine. "Ooh! They're still here! Gosh, I've hardly been able to walk my poor little doggies!" Upstairs, her equally glamorous mother paced the drawing-room in short, pink dress and black stockings, cancelling a dinner stockings, cancelling a dinner party and hunting for a cigarette. "A fag, a fag! At times like this bad habits come back!" All day she had answered the telephone and stood on doorsteps performing the political wife's first photographic duty of gazing admiringly up and sideways at her husband. In the best traditions of sitcom, this was all Dad's fault. "He honestly only decided late

on Tuesday night," Aone Heseltine said, "after Geoffrey Heseltine said, "after Geoffiey' Howe's speech. I heard it in the car, did you? Goodness, I nearly drove off the road. Geoffrey is usually such a polite man." Mr Heseltine told his family that night of his challenge for the Tory leadership. "The marvellous thing about it all," Mrs Heseltine says, "is that all the children I Annabel. "is that all the children [Annabel, aged 27, Alexandra, 24, and Rupert, 23] now appear to have moved back in. I think they don't want to miss anything. It's wonderful having them around. I wasn't very good with babies, but

children and teenagers, I adore." I suggested that it must have been a relief to have the challenge out in the open. "Yes. It's been an agonising decision for him. Now even if there's a bit of mud flying, I dare say the adrenalin will float us

She seemed remarkably cheerful for a woman who — as one of her children put it — might within the fortnight have to become the next Denis Thatcher. British satire has carved a not entirely flattering role for the prime ministerial spouse, and I wondered whether Mrs Heseltine had contemplated this. "Oh, yes. I've been in it already," she said. "I once turned up by name in Mrs Wilson's Diary —
something about 'the new charwoman Annie Heseltine, I wish
she wouldn't shuffle about all day with a fag hanging out of her mouth. I always rather hoped the character would reappear, but it never did." It might now. She read French and German at

London university and then went to work for Hilary Rubinstein at Gollancz, the publishers, where she was known universally as "Superbeaut". Later, a job at an art gallery, where she began to read widely in art history, con-firmed her life-long preoccupation with paintings. It is no dilettante amusement of a political wife-in-waiting: she comes alight on the subject, dividing her life into phases from a teenage passion for pre-Raphaelites, the excitement of the Picasso exhibition in the late Fifties, to her current mania for the school of Antwerp Mannerists



Ready for the fray: Anne Heseltine says "It's the small inaccurate things that hurt . . . Like when they go on about Michael being dressy"

'Well, he never did swing that mace. Someone jogged him. He's a calm, relaxed man. Obsessive gardener'

"Stylised, religious themes, wonderful colour and highly elaborate hats. Slighfly camp attitudes, too..." She rose to her feet, striking a Mannerist attitude and stretching in a hat with her and sketching in a hat with her hands. One could see why she gets

on so well with teenagers. She married Michael Heseltine in 1962, after helping him un-successfully fight Coveotry ("against my best friend's father, Maurice Edelman - it felt very cheeky"). Onlookers at the wedding remember Julian Critchley making an emotional speech to the effect that the moment he saw Anne's legs, he told Michael like to camp-follow "You've got to have those pins for like a spare thumh."

your platform", a memory Mrs Heseltine equably confirms. As for the decorative and subordinate duties of a Tory wife, Mr Heseltine was, she insists, very fair-in pointing them out. "But I'm not political. As far as Michael's career is concerned, I want him to succeed, but I don't want it for myself, not at all. Some Westminster wives do, terribly, and get angry and frustrated when their husbands fail or resign. I don't. When he came home after Westland I was sad for him, because he minded a lot, but not for the rest of us." And political duties? "I don't like to camp-follow. I tend to feel

Having three children in quick on, and some difficulty keeping nannies ("three under fours do rather gang up on a nanny, you know"), her own career faded during the years they grew up. Later, she studied for a year al the Courtauld Institute and opened her own gallery, but gave it up when her husband became defence secretary in order to travel with him. "It was the best decision. And it was fascinating. We've travelled in the last four years a great deal, too. We were in Czechoslovakia just before the revolution, and in Poland and the Guif: I like to meet people and talk about what's happening and then

endlessly. Besides," she adds honestly, "I can usually slope off to art

At home, life is inevitably wellcushioned: an estate in North-amptonshire where Mrs Heseltine breeds Hanoverian horses, the Belgravia house, and a cottage in Somerset. "I do know the other kind of life, though, you know — I earnt £7.10s at Gollancz, and lived on it, too. I've been broke with Michael as well in the early days." Her present occupation is running the Ashmolean Museum's appeal in the Campaign for Oxford, which she does with energy. An appeal colleague described work-

ing with her as like handling an extremely good, well-bred horse: "You suggest something to her as a possibility, and suddenly she's jumped it."

With all this can the prospect of incarceration in Namber 10 Downing Street really hald much ppeal? "It may never happen," to says carefully. "But it's what a make of it. I suppose. A unce to meet lots of may... perbanincarceration in Namber 10
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few contacts of nee's own to the art world. I don't know ... oh well, Audrey Callaghan wrote a book while she was inside, didn't

And the flak, and the downright hatred, and the ever-deteriorati tone of political battles in the pear decade? Will it hurt? "Yes, a bit Those things used to get to me I don't mind Sputing Image, I would adore one of the puppers to put in the lavatory. It's the small inaccurate things that hurt... Like when they go on about Michael being dressy. It takes real effort to make him buy a suit, and as for the ties. I think the worst excesses have been my fault. And the hair. He's got a double crown and be can't cut it any shorter or it

hat other canards hurt? "Well, he never did swing that mace. Someone jogged him. He's a calm, relaxed man. Obsessive gardener. And as for not taking jokes against himself, believe me, with children like ours he's had to."

The only story which threw a hard shadow over her face was the one about her husband coming home in the middle of his mission to Liverpool after the 1981 riots because it was his daughter's coming-out dance. "It was her eighteenth burthday and we'd planned it for months and we're a very close family and it mattered to her, and he got home at 9.30 and was away at seven . . . " she stopped, and laughed. "Oh, buypoliticians are Aunt Sallies. They're there to be knocked

She was rather nice about Mrs Thatcher, by the way. "I don't really know her socially. But when I took Annabel to the House once when she was smaller, we ended up in her office and she crawled around the floor hunting in cupboards for the last can of Coke for her. I think she's very human, you know. I like that."

Land where a daughter has also risen

marketing. Their country successfully sells itself as ing city advertising hoardings part woodcut fantasy of temples and cherry blossom, part neon-lit Manhattan of the black), pictures of provocnext millennium, even though atively-shaped peaches, and the real Tokyo looks as if a portraits of plainly beautiful schoolboy in the heavens village women from Africa tipped out a box of Lego and India that gave an interbricks, put a noodle shop on national tang to Japanese every other corner and left it fashion before Benetton made

image of Japan survives turned the Parco department because the Japanese have store chain into a meeting learnt to sell themselves. With place for Japan's young, and oo resources apart from an have kept it fashionable for electrically charged workforce, they have little else to sell. What is puzzling is how it has managed to do it so well with so few classy and innovative marketers. Eiko Ishioka, whose wake-yoo-up poster designs, television commercials and stage sets have helped to sell everything from Issey Miyake frocks to West End plays, is one of the few.

BEAT HIM UP? COULD YOU

how proved masterly at being prim and predictable, Ms Ishioka shocks by plasterwith naked bodies (some of them male, many of them its first V-neck sweater. Her The romantic-cum-frantic advertising images have more than 20 years, a feat in a

> keep ahead of teenagers' With a book of her work published here this week, and Ms Ishioka arriving next week to make a personal presentation of her work at the Victoria & Albert, Britain is

Over 1,000 fabulous fashion

and beauty presents to give away

(the Christmas issue of

New Woman is a cracker)

country where Sony seems to

produce a new version of its

Walkman once a month to

One Japanese woman has defied

convention and prejudice to raise eyebrows on the

design scene

about to get a taste of her style. Ms Ishioka does not only work for advertisers. She created designs for Paul Schrader's film Mishima, Butterfty, and the Philip Glass opera The Making of the Representative for Planet 8. She won a Grammy award for a Miles Davis album cover, ind turned an Issey Miyake fashion show into a cross between a Broadway musical and a one act drama: they charged admission and played to packed houses for six

got my chance to collaborate with Europeans and Americould work on international projects without first having to shed a Japanese skin. would like to do more abroad. I want to direct a film. But commercials, films, posters, it's all the same to me. I don't see films as superior to performances. hero" is Michelangelo - "he always had a client, but he always managed to achieve his own spiritual statement, even

> but they work with her because the creative tension glows in the end result. . She may produce un-conventional images because

demanding that she can bring

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strands, "but most times I feel

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In Japan, where women in positions of power and in- a man's or a woman's. Sec-flueoee are ______ondly, 90 per

rare, and women willing to flout the lives to fathers, husbands and eldest sons are rarer still, Ms Ishioka ried and bows to nobody. "At the age of seven I re-alised that my father's job fasmy mother's job bored me."

she says. "My

My mnther grandmother told her that if would never find a husband. So both my parents stressed that I should have an occupaional university of line arts to

from opting for graphic de-sign, which made Ms Ishioka determined to do it. "My father accepted that going against the grain was part of mean he believed I would make it. That pattern has repeated itself. When I started to become well known, male rivals used to say I was only

Sometimes, Ms Ishioka famous because I was a says, she feels that she is woman, a novelty. I promised involved in too many media myself then that I would become so obviously special that my different interests give in my field that they would have to shut their mouths." Ms Ishioka, who says that

tives. They cross-fertilise. Also it helps me to develop a she likes "a strong woman", universal language, rather uses the image often in her than a Japanese one. I have work. When she became a tried very hard not to be professional art director she worked for Shiseido, the Japalimited to Japanese themes. Nowadays, the Japanese motif nese cosmetics company. is changing and you can no "Until I came along all the longer really rely on cherry advertising had been done by trees and geishas and things men," she says. "They por-like that. But when I started it trayed women as dolls who wasn't, and I trained myself to never looked into the camera men, I wanted a woman who looked healthy, who could look a man in the eye, who confidence to live alone.

"People expect Japanese advertising to use Japanese mo tifs. But why can't I use black women or Faye Dunaway? But because I use women it doesn't mean I'm just talking about women. I use women to convey things about the human condition.

Because she used nudes in ber advertisements as early as the Seventies, some accuse Ms Ishioka of trying to shock. Admirers envy her ability to make even a pile of bricks look crotic to people outside the building trade.

"There are three reasons use oudes," she says. "First, I it's the burn or the tits or the shoulder, whether the body is

> ondly, 90 per cent of the husiness women, the way the advertisements turned out by the way male designers female nsed oudes cheap, vulgar way. My chalsuhvert this naked bodies. "Thirdly, to make a good advertisement

souls, but it was not my intention to use naked bodies just to shock or be eye-catching. But after thrashing ont an idea, after many twists and turns, the result turned happened that way."
When she was 25,

Ishioka says, she won a prize in a Japanese competition to design a poster for n sympo-sium. "I only used geometric shapes. People said even that

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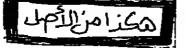
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DEATHS BARRETT- On November 13th, 1990, Robert, aged 58, of filley and Herliey, son of Lena and the late Rufas, father of Simon and Miranda. No flowers, if wished, donations to John Masefield, Chesive Home, Burcot, Oxon, Funeral service at Si.Mary's Church, lifley, on Tuesday 20th November, 1990, at 11.15 am, followed by committed at Oxford Crematorium at 12.00 noon.

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ON THIS DAY

The 'Great Hunger' of 1845-49 evoked little sympathy at West-minster. Private relief schemes were raised in England, but the Treasury's contention was that Ireland should pay for its own relief.

> IRELAND: CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY

There is no blinking the fact, that, whatever be the motive cause, matters are getting from bad to worse in this ill-fated country. No class is exempt from the prospect of speedy. and, I fear, irretrievable ruin, unk by something little short of a miracle men of all parties will for once unite with a view of adopting a course of policy which may tend to the salvation of their common country. It was but a few days ago that

public commiseration was excited by the report (well founded, it is believed) of a gentleman of 2,000L a year, in the county of Limerick, being, along with a large family. "yellow meal" and the garbage of his garden. But another and much more remarkable instance of the "begin-ning of the end" is foreshadowed in the acceptance by a titled gentleman of the unassuming and not very lucrative office of collectors of the poor-rates. The baronet, for such is his rank, possessed of a territorial property in the west of Ireland, is an excellent, nay a model, landlord, and so fully were his exertions for the benefit of his tenantry appreciated by the Earl of Devon and the Land Commissioners, that the improvements made upon his estates were marked by a special reference in the map appended to the report of the

collectorship of county-cess has been for several months vacant, no percentage being deemed sufficient to interest the workhouse to the workho to induce any person to undertake tory cells.

the hopeless task of collecting money where, in the most literal sense, none was to be had. The consequence is, that for nearly two terms not a shilling of the case presented for has been demanded from the rate-payers.

WORKHOUSE ÉMEUTES On Monday evening the female inmates of the Nenagh Union Work-house were furnished with rye bread for the first time, according to a recent arrangement of the board of guardians, on the suggestion of the local inspector. The woman, one and all, exclaimed against what they designated 'black bread' — they refused to partake of it; and some of them, more determined in their hostility than the remainder, com-menced an onelaught on the windows of the establishment, which they

broke in several places. Others of them loudly complained against being put to work; and the utmost disorganisation prevailed, which it was found impossible for a long period to check. Yesterday long period to check. I estartusy morning, as a punishment for the disorderly behaviour of the previous evening, the usual supply of milk was stopped from all the female immates — numbering between 600 and 700. This, instead of pacifying them, had a contrary effect. Some became very colours and supply particularly violent and abusive, particularly against the inspector, whom they charged with all manner of cruelty in outting them on a species of dietary which they stated they could not

possibly use. The police were soon in attandance; but the women resolutely refused eating the stirabout which was laid before them, stating that they could not use it without milk, and that they were resolved never to use "the black bread".

Some windows were again broken, when a company of the 79th High-landers was sent for, but before the arrival of the military tranquity had been established, the great majority heen established, the great insjority of the immates having used the stirahout; but very many refused to eat, stating that the victuals had got cold and was bad, and unfit for Christian use. A few of the more refractory were locked up in one of the workhouse yards, whilst one or the more condemned to the refractory. mued to the refrac-

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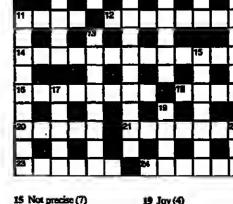
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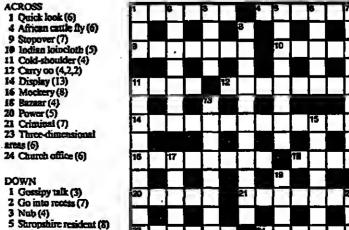
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That must be the main justification (even if one must register some doubt about the utility of the project as a social and educational exercise when the Munich Ring is currently being broadcast on television), since the artistic success of this CBTO production is rather less than could have been hoped. The difficulties of presenting a low-cost, murable, conflated Ring are all too obviously exposed without, in most cases, being solved.

Jonathan Dove's scoring is very skilful, but what it offers is more a substitute than a re-creation. Moreover, the task of having 18 players mimic 80 can only be accomplished in the early stages of the cycle. Throughout most of Das Rheingold and much of Die Walkure (except when the organ bristles through the texture) one can be seduced into believing one is hearing the original score, but in the two later operas the imitation inevitably breaks down, and the effect can come dangerously close



Yronne Howard as Fricka and Patrick Wheatley as Wotan in the CBTO production at The Ring Saga

It is perhaps for this reason that Dove and the producer, Graham Vick, cut these later operas much more drasucally. Whereas Das Rheingold loses only about 20 per cent of its duration, Siegfried and Gotterdammerung are both cut to half length, and the slastes are all too visible around whole scenes that have gone. Once again, the solution is baidly practical, tacking any compensation in the way of wresting some creative achievement from the necessity of cutting.

So it is with Vick's staging. The single set is a three-per wooden ziggurat, with the orchestra boxed mto the bottom tier. This has the excellent effect of giving the instrumental sound some directional force and natural amplification, but the possibilities of reinventing Wagner for rudimentary resources are rarely more than hinted at. Most successful is what used to be the second act of Siegfried, where the Woodbird is a model on a pole carried about by the singer, and Fafner appears within a loose basket-work dragon's head. In both cases the dramatic gesture is emblematic and elegant, suggesting the disclosed but real magic of the kabuki theatre, and one wishes more of the production could have been in

this style.

Instead of that, the acting is mostly in an undisciplined, naturalistic mode, and the costumes make no attempt to hide the budgetary limitations. The Valkyries, in shapeless royal-blue gowns and natty httle helmets decorated with what look like bats' wings, are particularly disadvan-

taged.
The vocal performances run up against the problem of how to sing Wagner when the massive orchestral challenge is not there: it is a bit like asking high jumpers to vault over sleeping policemen. There is also the problem, if the Stockland Green Leasure Centre is typical of CBTO venues, of bow to sing anything in a gymnasium. In most cases the singers follow the acoustic and musical demands for volume, which means that they are out of scale with the accompaniment, though the more in timate, dialogue-oriented scenes find them using the opportunity to be more discreet; again it is Das

Rheingold that comes over as the

most suitable case for this treatment. (One of the paradoxes of the Ring is that as its ostensible location becomes more homely. from the three worlds of Das Rheingold to the Rhine-bank palace of Gotterdammerung, us dramatic and musical universe becomes ever vaster.)

There are many impressive individual performances, especially from Yvonne Howard as a resolute, proudly sung Fricka and Waltraute; Helen Walker as a brilliant, natural, agile Freia, Sieglinde and Gutrune: Keith Latham as a rounded sympathetic victum of an Alberich; Margaret Preece as a delightfully bright Woodbird; Paul Harrhy as a skittish Loge; Brian Bannatyne-Scott as a solemn-tooed Hagen; and Peter Sidhom as a weasely but strong-voiced Gunther. Linda McLeod as Brunnhilde and, in particular, Paul Wilson as both Siegmund and Siegfried contribute prodigious feats of stamina. One is left wondering, oevertheless, quite what sort of an occasion one has been at.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

terned dressing gowns, sometimes with flags sticking out from their backs, substitute for tweed. Duncan, King of Chi, wears an enormous mortar board, with white tassels only a bit shorter than the thin gold curtains dangling from his ears. Solilogoy and most of the dialogue is ont, as are counterparts for Macduff, Malcolm and several other characters. Chanting and crooning in the

clauering beneath it. More surprisingly, Lady Macbeth kills Banquo's assassin with a sword half her size and miscarries a baby, in each case on what the programme calls "the night of the coronation party". The stress is presumably what eventually sends Wei Hai-ming, who plays the part, fluttering and wailing round the stage in white muslin like some Asiatic Miss Havisham, But it is

White ranges back and forth

with three scenes for the different

wives and husbands, subsequently

clegantly symmetrical set a dozen

grey panels open to reveal the

artefacts of different periods; putting them into place gives the

cast time to change from white bustle to sloppy jeans, from

painter's scruffy shirt to chauf-

White succeeds in showing how

different milieux alter love's op-

tions, though I suspect it is class

that rings the changes far more than passing years. One drawback

of the structure repeats several moments when disaster, in the

person of a husband, does not

quite come through the door: a

feur's uniform.

performance which is less spoken than half-warbled, half-squeaked in a spiralling soprano; and all, of course, in Chinese. The impressioo an English audience is likely to get is of a killer mouse oddly turned into a distraught A Taiwanese audience would

doubtless get quite another im-That is the sort of problem bound to arise when Stratford is crossed with the Forbidden City. But if the idiom seems alien and incongruous, and Shakespeare somewhat lost, it is still easy to admire the colour, the boldness, the energy, the confidence in a part of the self English performers still find hard to handle: namely, the body. To be an actor in China is also to be a singer, dancer, gymnast and, for all I know, juggler and trapeze artist as well. Match that, Kemble, Macready, Gielgud, anyone.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

between the stories, beginning the author knows how to tell a wives and lovers, then scenes for by the cast of Simon Usher's strong and tender production.

young Martin McKellan the preppy lovers. Kelly Hunter is clever as the American bedhopper and passionate as the lady, with her lovely voice sounding as if breaking in an empty room. But she is outstanding as the deaf girl torn between duty and desire, tilting her head and stretching long elegant fingers like a conductor straining to catch a piccolo's gentlest breath.

or illicit, as a pretty sour dish but it has been most beautifully served

JEREMY KINGSTON

CHEMA QUIDE ◆ CRANAL LAW (18) Marehicious trains about a reart estories erroraged in the case of a fluoreous psyconomi heart perometrian (Gary Octman Hawn Secon), but he sorp creates the fairs are Created, harra Carpooli. Cennons. Created (U71-362 5083) hymanist (U71-363 1527) Shameebury Avenue (U71-363 6961).

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MADHOUSE (15): Freinously crude and untertoy comedy about the ingritment of vesting rejetives. Since pergramences from John Landoustes and Kinzpe Alay crass direction by rewdomer Torn Ropelevatid.
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AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (15): June Campon's excelent flim about the New Zeeland water Janet Frame.

SETSY'S WEDDING (15): Alan Aldris une-en but engaging comedy about pre-menage symot.
 Ocean Mazzanina (071-930 6111).

BIRID ON A WIRE (12) Emply-headed chase move, with only Mel Gibran and Goldie Hewn's ster power to pull us through.
Peza (071-107 9990) Witnesseys (071-792.

SULLSEYE (15) Bulkeye is exactly what disclor Michael Winner does not all in this laborous consists with Michael Care and Poger Michael as a couple of commercial Coloro Marche Arter (171-723 2011) Werner (171-438 (1791).

♦ CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS (15): Woody Aller's engrowing portrait of Me's

Portes and strongarities.
Cannon Parton Street (071-830-0831)
Option Kensington (071-802-6844/5).

PEATLINEERS (15): Kleir Sutherland, Julie Roberts and Kenn Bacon as medical students proting the bounderse between death and ties (171-352 5086) Odeons: Carmon Chalses (177-352 5086) Odeons: Kenangon (171-612 6549 5Mts Cottage (1748 514 998) What Eng (171-630 5252) Whattery (171-792 3303/3334).

☐ BAJAZET: Racine in the harem; Terance Rigoy's notable voter in an earthy contrast to the amonds scruples;

somely steged. size. Almerie Street, N1 (071-359

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E GASPING: John Gordon Sinclair and

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FI HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Kendel

Peter Benworth to Simon Gray's thought provoting play about family betrayate. Vauceville Strand WC2 (071-836 9987).

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dreation of You Mogoman.
Queen Etzippeth Hall, South Bank Cantre,
London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

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CURRENT

Renor (071-837 8402).

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♦ GHOST (12): Jerry Zucher's Supernament of the control of the co

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♦ GOODFELLAS (15): Nertin Scoresee's greater spac totowings New York noodly nee and talk Per-Loots in easily outgurined by the supporting payers, Joe Pescl, and Robert De Nro.

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THE HANDMAID'S TALE (18):
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THE LITTLE MERIMAND (LI)* Disney's much curied version of Hans Christian Anapteer's taristis.

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LOVE AT LARGE (15): Alan Rudolph's detaque fleet-toxed private eye apool, with Torn Beerger as a rumped detactive sent on the trait of an errant love.

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THE MAD MONNEY (18): Strange doinge in Pans with Jelf Godbium as an American agreementer and Miranda Richardson as his onspired eigent Personavous paychological trivials Director Persona Trueca.

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A MAN ESCAPED (U): Heartening revived of Ropert Breaton's austiere, compelling fit first revened in 1957 — based on the expensions of a Franch Resistance worked imprecing by the Gestapo.

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MY BLUE HEAVEN (PG): Stave Martin as an incompose criminal object usper the wing of a spin-necked FB egent (Rigit Morares) (Version/Crist Group);
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Wegner's opera, made in 4963. The set a
a mountainous reproduction of Wagner's des
mask and the character of Pewels is
played by both sense. Alongede the Min's
ecoenincines there are some certain
performences (Sooth Calver in personal).
Gaste (071-221 0220), Sunday, microsy.

THEATRE The Kingdom of Desire Lyttelton

THE National's latest import comes as clearly stamped "made in Taiwan" as some of the souvenirs on sale oo the other side of Hungerford Bridge. That is to say, it is not really western, not quite eastern, and not fully both at

The performers, the Contemporary Legend Theatre of Taipei. have set themselves the task of reconciling traditional Chinese form with foreign content; and sometimes the strain shows. Though Kingdom of Desire traces the rise and fall of an oriental Macbeth, it is far broader and more external than anything Shakespeare penned. Though it has its exotic moments, it hardly matches the visual daring dis-

THEATRE

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Haymarket Studio,

Leicester

FOR his first stage play the

American oovelist, and Booker Prize judge, Edmund White tells

three love stories. Each story

cootains only the characters of husband, wife and blond young

lover, performed in each story by

the same actors. Furthermore, their variously doomed love af-

fairs are set within three different

in the 19th century, a con-

science-stricken woman leaves her

aristocratic husband for a prac-

tised seducer. His quaintly in-

credible code of honour keeps him

played by the Peking Opera when it visited Londoo a few years ago. No wonder the result has been both attacked as meretricious and admired as innovative back home.

Here, it is best summed up as fascinatingly different. We Hsingkuo's scowling Macbeth, or Aushu Cheng, Lord of Chi, as he is rechristened, does oot expire discreetly onstage. He reels, stumbles and totters across a towering rock, wrenching out the arrow that has spiked his stomach. Then he falls 20 feet, to the ground, doing a back-somersault eo route. Then he lurches and blunders round the stage, freezes for a full minute with his arm pointed accusingly aloft. and topples like a tree onto his back to the sound of sepulchral chuckles from the flies, Match that, Kean, Irving, Olivier,

There are plenty of less sensa-tional changes. Messengers, like the dying Macbeth, tend to go in for aerial flips. Gorgeously pat-

from leaving her, though his

passion fades as poverty replaces

affluence. Her love continues

luck. The setting here is the servants' quarters of a country

house where a gentle footman

woos a golden-hearted but deaf

parlour maid married to the brutal

chauffeur. Luck is what these

lovers are denied, by author's

whim rather than dramatic inevitability, though White might

argue that Venus always keeps the

rogue card of jealousy up her

The third story takes place in

contemporary New York - noth-

ing uneasy about the slang here -

The Victorian lovers needed

undiminished.

upper registers of the scale is in, as is acrobatic swirling round the stage and musical banging and

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case of rumpus interruptus. Yet good tale, and he is grandly served

money; in the 1920s lovers needed luck. The setting here is the servants' quarters of a country

allowing the different development to dictate the fall of the variously disturbed husbands and characters. On Vicki Mortimer's

White thinks of romance, licit on the plate.

THEATHEIGHIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London.

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☐ PIANC: Awkward but highly web:hable extension by Trevor Griffiths of Cheldrowen themes and characters. National (Cottesion) (as above). Tonight, tomorrow, 7 30pm, met tomorrow, 2 30pm. Running time. Zires 10mms.

Sir Charles Mackernes conducts. Collegum, SI Mertin's Lane, London WC2 (021-636 3161), 7 30pm. BARE BRANCHES: Victorian painter Advisor Granushas was the gran meeter of the Advisor Granshas was the gran meeter of the water landscabe leastese trees against a frosty sky gas-in stop windows gleaning comfortingly dirough the strong. This is an extensive selection of the highly valled works, Richard Green, 39 Dover Street, London W1 (071-488 3639), 9.30em-6pm. PRIVATE LIVES: Kelth Bester, Joan Collins and Sara Crows in Coward's gamed Atomych, Allowych, WC2 (177-1936 6409, Underground Covern Gestlan Aron-Fn, Spr. Sat, 6,30pm, mats Wed. 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time. 2hrs 15mms.

IE RACING DEMON: David Hare's award-warming state-of-tre-church dram National (Obvier) (as left). Tongist, tomorrow, 7 15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm, Russing time. 2tcs 50mms.

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WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 2

classes in three periods.

HOUSTON

(a) Sanael Houston (1793-1863) American soldier and statesman, defeated the Mexicans in the Texam War, and achieved Texican independence. He was elected president of the new republic. Houston is maned after him.

NORRISH

(c) R.G.W. Norrish (1897-1978) English chemist, professor of physical chemistry at Cambridge for 30 years. His research was in the field of photochemistry and chemical kinetics. He pioneered the development of flash photolysis and kinetic spectroscopy.

ORM
(a) English monk and spelling reformer, floruit
c.1200, horn probably in Lincolnshire. He
invested an orthography based on phonetic
principles, in which he wrote the Ormalum, a
series of homilies in verse on the gospel history. (b) Leon Duguit (1859-1928), French jurist and

professor of constitutional law at Bordeaux. His view of law, on dix, was of something based on social solidarity through division of labour, a spontaneous product of circumstances.

ends up jealous of both. WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



Today's position is from the game Andruei (White) — Birmingham (Black), Angers 1990. How can White break down the Black fortress? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*. Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Rxc7 + Rxc7 2 bxc7 Re8 3 cas8/O Rxb8 4 Be61 and White forces the win of the rook by advancing the pawn.

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Galleries: Van Gogh and his compatriots in Glasgow, Murillo re-evaluated in Liverpool, and (below, right) Scotland's new Whistler show

Dutch side to a giant

ame on the scale of Vin-cent Van Gogh's unfortu-nately parties. leading illusion that genius comes out of nothing and goes nowhere. All the big Van Gogh shows of recent years, with the exception of the Musée d'Orsay's Van Gogh à Paris, have shown him in isolation. While arching can dim his blesses nothing can dim his blazing individuality, that individuality is put in perspective by knowledge of who his artistic friends and associates were, what influences he underwent and subsequently reected, and what was going on ground him while he steered his own unpredictable course. That is what the Burrell Collection in Giasgow has done with its enthralling show. The Age of Van Gogh: Dutch Painting 1880-1895. Holland's artistic revolution,

though later than France's, was no less far-reaching. Within two decades Dutch art was dragged out of mid-Victorian anecdotalism and pitchforked into the 20th century. Some of the names involved used to be famous far beyond Holland. Alma-Tadema is a special case, since most of his success was achieved in England, but the Brothers Maris (Matthijs especially) were much admired in the circles of Studio magazine, Marius Bauer was highly praised for his intricate and exotic etchings, and Jan Toorop had many English connections. Little good it did them, until recently when a revival of interest in Symbolism and a search for affordable Im-

pressionists brought the Hague School back into the limelight. The earliest Van Goghs in this show date from 1885 and show him involved with the dark colours and sombre naturalism then dominant in Holland. One fascinating comparison is with George Breitner, at this time his closest associate. Breitner is an interesting, neglected figure, who developed into a dashing painter of night and lowlife scenes after Van Gogh's departure for Paris.
While, for Van Gogh, going
abroad was a major stimulus,
Breithere suggests that he might
well have developed spectacularly
if he had stored at home if he had stayed at home.

He would have found no lack of competition, whichever way he had gone. If it had been a matter of Brilliant colour, such Dutch

Pointillists as Toorop (for a while) and Hendrik Bremmer could have matched him. If it had been in freedom and fluency of brushwork, Isaac Israel's scenes of cafe life have plenty of verve. The exquisite grey Thames landscape of Willem Arnold Witsen or the gleaming golden Thames vision of Toorop show that Van Gogh was not the only one who sought and found new inspiration abroad. But they took their new perceptions back home with them. There are, in addition, many aspects of Dutch painting in these years that Van Gogh never touched on: the flat, monumental handling of Jan Voerman's "Cattle beside the Ijssel near Hattem", for instance,

or the perverse and sinuous symbolism of Johann Thorn Prikker's weird religious works. Yet Van Gogh towers above all. Two qualities come through in everything be does: an almost obsessive intensity of vision, and an unswerving consistency of development. Toorop might be a major artist, but he falls short because there seems to be no sense because there seems to be no sense of necessity behind his constant stylistic changes. Breitner and Israels almost match Van Gogh's intensity at moments, but neither seems so maniacally committed. But there is no reason to ignore Van Gogh's contemporaries, especially when they can give so

hings are happening in Liverpool. The Walker Art Gallery has always been known for its Victorian splendours, both of building and of contents. For a long time there was a strong element of mockery about this: all those awful problem pictures and mythological set-pieces, would anyone ever take them seriously again? The answer recently has been a rousing affirmative. Nobody now disputes a major Leighton's or Rossetti's right to the (sometimes considerable) amount of wall-space it occupies. But possibly the balance has shifted too far, the latest developments at the gallery seem designed, at least partly, to set the record straight.

Along with its 19th-century collection, the Walker has a very respectable, if haphazard, assemblage of earlier art. Now the man in charge, Julian Treuberz, has



sed: Murillo's reassembled Virgin and Child in Glory and Whistler's unpretentions etching, The Kitchen

decided to rearrange the Medieval and Renaissance Galleries much more as they would have been when first built. This entails covering the walls with silk damask, and hanging the pictures more thickly than has been fashiousble. He has also set the scene for the paintings by putting some of Merseyside's holdings of dec-orative art from the same periods together with the paintings.

The rehang has brought some unexpected bonuses. The Walker has long had the two side-panels of the so-called Aachen Anarpiece, which was owned by a Manchester dealer in the mid-19th century. He sold the wines to the Walker, and the centrepiece to the National Gallery in London. Now the National Gallery has lent its section, so that the whole thing can be seen reassembled for the first time in 150 years.

Another once dismembered and now reassembled painting is the

centrepiece of the new exhibition at the Walker, Marillo in Focus. The Walker's own important Murillo, "The Virgin and Child in Glory", painted for the Arch-bishop of Seville in 1673, was cut up in the 18th century and pieced together again only after the Peninsular Wars. For the show this painting is brought together with a small oil sketch that was almost certainly the "sample" Murillo offered in order to secure the commission, and with other works from the same period of his career. The invitation is clearly to re-evaluate Murillo. His popularity, unequalled in the early 19th century, has long been diminished in competition with his Spanish peers, leaving him under a cloud as a sugary sentimentalist.

That reputation hardly seems fair when the paintings are viewed. But as the show's curator, Xanthe Brooke, points out, Murillo's currency was debased by innumerable relatively coarse reproductions, and it was through them that he was largely remembered. This show handsomely makes amends to Murillo for past misunderstandings.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

The Age of Van Gogh The Burrell Collection Pollok Country Park, Glasgow (041-649 7151) Daily 10-5, Wed to 10, Sun to 6, until February

Murillo in Focus The Walker Art Gallery, Wilham Brown Street, Liverpool (051-207 0001), Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 2-5, until Jamary 13.

From the Channel to the Clyde

ames Abbott McNeill Whisthings of mine go to Scotland or Ireland or America - I want no pictures or drawings in England." Ulumately, the priority specified by the Francophile American dandy, once accused by Ruskin of "flinging s pol of paint in the public's face", was bonoured: in 1935 the late artist's sister-in-law donated the enormous quantity of work left in his studio to Glasgow University, Augmented by subsequent bequests, the university's Humerian Art Gallery now boasts a Whistler collection rivalled only by that of the Freer Gallery in

Washington. Whistler's soft spot for Scot-land, and for Glasgow in particu-lar, is understandable. Although he only visited Echnburgh and the Empire's second city once as a young man, Glasgow Corporation was the first public body anywhere to purchase one of his pictures. They pipped the Louvre, which bought the much-saturased portrait of his mother, by acquiring that of Scotland's most famous eminence grise, Thomas Carlyle, In the 1880s and 1890s the Glasgow Boys virtually became his disciples - their bazy effects are unthinkable without his example - and it was through the good offices of his personal friends E.A. Walton and James Guthrie that Glasgow University conferred an honorary doctorate on the artist before his death in 1903.

Few 19th-century artists can have crossed the Channel as frequently as Whistler. As a young man be was a student in Gleyre's atelier and, in spite of his decades of residence in Chelsea, Paris remained his intellectual home: Mallarmé and Montesquiou were his friends, virtually every French artist from Courbet to Monet his itself with the perfect candidate for celebration during Glasgow's year

as European City of Culture. Much of the painting - the highlights of which are the full-length female portraits and a screen in which London's Battersea Bridge is "orientalised" to near abstraction - is on permanent display. Whistler in Europe presents 8 selection of etchings watercolours and pastels which resulted from the artist's numerous forays to the Continent and these can be viewed advantageously against the background of the paintings and

decoranve work. Whistler was an enthusiastie etcher. With a freedom unconventional for the period, he would draw directly from nature onto the plate and then manipulate the inks during the printing process to give rise to tonal effects. Especially as a young man, but also during the whole of his career. Rembrandt was his main inspiration. In a drypoint print of a sleeping nude (one of his Parisian mistresses), for example, the form is modelled with a delicate batching which contrasts with the sketchiness with which the bed clothes and draperies are roughly indicated.

It was the unpretentiousness of the Dutch genre tradition which attracted him. There are several prints depicting ship facades - a fish shop in Brussels, carpet menders situng in a doorway which could, in the hands of an artist less sensitive in almosphere, appear merely banal. Whistler, bowever, seizes on the salient visual incident and elevates the subject in the crumbling doorway to a typically dilapidated Venetian giardino, a youth reclines, one of the city's cats holds court.

The fiasco of the Ruskin libel case bankrupted Whistlet (he was awarded a derisory farthing dumages) and led to a year-lung stay in Venice, subsidised by the Fine Arts Society, during which he produced 50 etchings and double the number of pastels. The way in which the chalky Venetian light gives the illusion that form itself is dissolving was exciting fur Whistler and encouraged him in stretch his technique still further.

There is an intensely evicative panorams called "The Little Venice" in which, although the silhouettes of the famous landmarks can be made out, the beauty of the whole derives from the shimmering surface of the lagoon, an impression hard enough to achieve in paint: in a graphic medium it is dauntingly difficult.

ANDREW GIBBON WILLIAMS

Whistler in Europe can be seen at the Hunterian Art Gallery, Hillhead Street, Glasgow (041-339 8355) until

STEVIE WONDER

Michael Jackson reaped credit in 1983 for recruit-ing heavy rock guitarist Eddie Van Halen to play the solo

on "Beat it". But, as with so many aspects of black popular music, it was Stevie Wonder—the original Motown child-star turned crossover glant—who got there first, when he hired Jeff Beach to play the quiter on Talking

got there first, when he inco Jen Beck to play the guitar on Talking Book in 1972. Indeed, ever since his 1963 debut, aprly titled The 12-year-old Genius, Wonder has proved an astorishingly innovative writer and performer. Using state-of-the-art technology he has woven searing messages of social concern into the tabno of second search performer.

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A s prime architects of the notion that advanced must-cal technique might profitably be applied to the writing and playing of popular music, Yes charted an eventful course through the choppy waters of progressive rock. They came to prominence with The Yes Album (1971), a body of work heavily

Wender laden with complex harmonic structures, abrupt changes of tempo, and florid lyrical metaphors. Once this otiose formula had been greeted with popular ctiose formula had been greeted with popular acclaim there was no stopping them. The interminably meandering tida track of Close to the Edge (1972) was but a taster for the neoclassical, lour-sided "concept" album, Tales from Topographic Oceans (1973). They could go no further, and after a datuga of solo projects, returned to (relative) basics with Going for the One (1977). In the waka of innumerable personnel changes the band emerced in the Entities as a more vicences. emerged in the Eightes as a more vigorous mainstream rock act, and enjoyed great success with 90125 (1983) from which "Owner of a Lonely Heart" was a No 1 hat in America.

messages of social concern into the fabric of many an essential party record. With an outstanding run of albums including timervisions (1973), Fulfillingness' First Finale (1974) and Songs in the Key of Lite (1976), he redefined the role of black music in the rock market place. Original Musiquarhum I (1982) scoops up the cream of that golden era from 1972 to 1982: "Superstition", "Living for the City" "You are the Sunshine of my Lite" and "Sir Duke", among many others. City" "You are the output others.
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NOWHERE, outside the clos- RECORDS: JAZZ/ROCK dier fringes of heavy metal, does one find album triles as whimsical as Jan Garbarek's. After All Those Born With Wings and Legend Of The Seven Dreams, I Took Up The Runes has a whiff of Monty Python about it.

If Keith Jarrett is the biggest

seller on the ECM roster, Garbarek best articulates the label's philosophy. Ethereal and introspective, his work stands outside the mainstream of contemporary jazz. While others are intent on stacking the chord progressions ever The Cure: Mixed up higher, the Norwegian saxo-(Fiction FIXLP 18)
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But the style has its drawbacks. Once again, Garbarek sometimes seems content with tasteful gestures, modal pat-terus drained of spontancity. His themes often sound like preludes for longer and more substantial works. Which explains, perhaps, why he is so popular with the New Age set. Still, be is surrounded by

songs are his main inspiration.

exceptional players. The pivotal figure is Nana Vasconcelos, whose percussion adds tropical warmth to Garbarek's glacial tenor and soprano. I Took Up The Runes makes

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rather more use of synthesisers and vocals than Garbarek's past recordings. Longtime admirers will be well

satisfied, even if others remain

lukewarm. Though the late Paul Desmond was more than a match for Garbarek in terms of introspection, he could never be accused of superficiality. Easy Living, a beguiling compilation from sessions between 1963 and 1965, sets the alto saxophonist alongside ideal partners in the guitarist Jim Hall and MJQ drummer Connie Kay. The bass duties are shared between Percy

Dave Brubeck Quartet, Eugene Wright. There is a touch of hard blowing on "Blues For Pun", but for the most part the mood is relexed. The previous re-issue on Bluebird - Desmond's collaboration with Gerry Mulligan, Two of a Mind - set a high enough standard, but Easy Living goes a step further.

NOW that her live show has turned into a Bacchanalian gangster elements at large on cabaret, it is easy to forget that the West Coast, while the Madouna used to be the Kylie softer "daisy age" rap of De of her day. The excitable La Soul and Jungle Brothers cribe her early records as tween these two extremes, music that "literally shook the their bawling and cussing now world". However, listening sounds like the primitive work again to the pert pop arrange- of very desperate men. ments of "Holiday", "Borderline", "Material Girl" and

"Crazy for You", they sound more like songs that were designed to shake the teenybop money tree.

Nevertheless, Madonna began seriously to buck the system around the time of ber 1986 album, True Blue, taking a grip on the songwriting and dening her market with the controversy of "Papa Doo't Preach" and the lush romantic filt of "La Isla Bonita".

With several omissions ("Who's That Girl", "True Blue", "Causing a Commo-tion" and others), The Immaculate Collection is a tidy summary of events up to this year's No 1, "Vogue". It ends with two new songs; a steamy funk-up, "Justify my Love", and a darkly con-fessional disco-soul litany, "Rescue Me", both some way removed from the charpy fare with which she launched ber-

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long weird trip, from anvices on the art-rock wing of the New Wave in 1978 to exalted dignitaries of the goth movement in 1990. Their album, Mixed Up, is an attempt at a little relaxed tinkering with recorded history using the device of the extended remix. Much of their recent output already has the lingering repetitive, linear quality that is so beloved of patrons of allnight dancefloors. For most of the time, Mixed Up just stretches out the raw ma-terial - "Lullabye" "Fascina-tion Street", "Lovesong", and others - into long, bypnotic,

Run-D.M.C. have lost the plot completely on Back From Hell Originators of the harder-than-thou school of CLIVE DAVIS rap, they have long been overtaken for sheer nastiness by Public Enemy and the sleeve notes of her first great- now offers a more modern est hits retrospective, The and appealing alternative. Immaculate Collection, des- Squeezed uncomfortably be-

DAVID SINCLAIR

BRIEFING

Return of the alien

alien wearing a Margaret Thatcher mask apparently ravishing a map of Britain is back on display in Luton Library after the county leisure committee reversed an earlier decision to remove it. Two weeks ago, the sculpture was taken out of the North Meets South exhibition, which ends tomorrow, following a complaint from the local Tory MP, Graham Bright, But now the work stands on its own, all the other exhibitors having removed their pieces as a protest against what they saw as political censorship. De Rozario, meanwhile, is claiming compensation for damage done to his sculpture during

Silent gem

tion at the London Film Festival. There will be two evening performances of Raymood Bernard's asionishing historical drama, The Chess A SCULPTURE by Russell de Player, with the original 1926 score by Henri Rabaud conducted by Carl Davis. The Thames Silents began ten years ago by making the world take notice of Napoleon, the long-lost French masterpiece; this anniversary show should do the same for Bernard's vivid tale of revolution, Cathcrine the Great and a mysterious mechanical ebess player.

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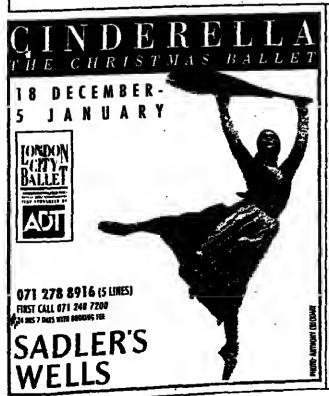
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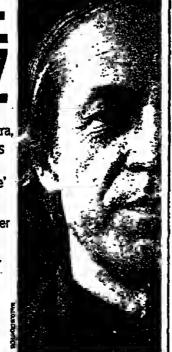
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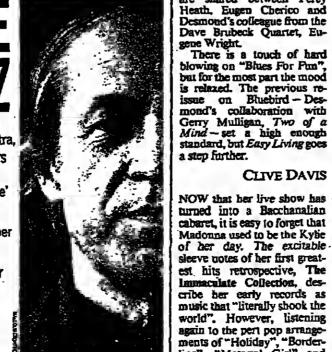


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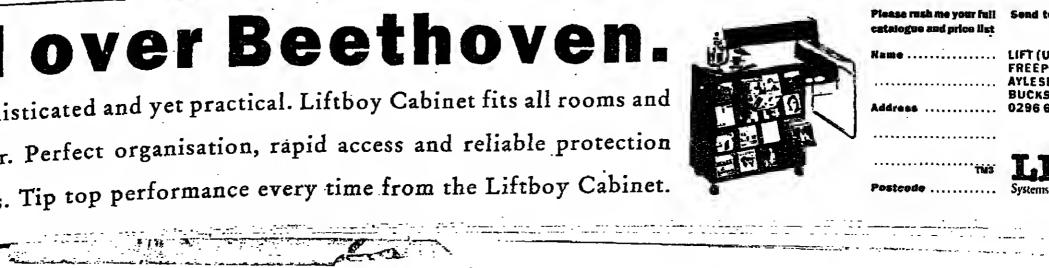




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Thatcher confident of first round win

Continued from page 1 matic effect on the Tory standing by saying that the figures demonstrate only that there is no great love of Labour's programme and that the position will turn round under Mrs Thatcher's leadership, too, as soon as the economy improves. There were indications last night that the leadership election rules could be changed to prevent future challenges to Conservative prime ministers in

The Thatcher team led by George Younger, the former de-fence secretary, is confident that it has the machinery to determine where the doubters are and that there are not enough of them for Mr Heseltine to force a second ballot. They are talking of "putting the issue to bed completely" next Tuesday. But Mr Heseltine's supporters say that he already has the backing of more than 100 MPs and is picking up support from

"surprising quarters".
Sir Neil Macfarlane, who yesterday proposed Mr Heseltine for the leadership, said he was the man who would keep the Conservatives in power. It was a pity that the contest was having to take place and that Mrs Thatcher had not listened to soundings and retired gracefully. Sir Peter Tapsell, who seconded him, said that Mr Heseltine was "the man to heal the wounds". An essential plank of the former defence secretary's programme was that he did not intend to have an "us and them" approach.

Mr Lamoot was among the ministers rushing to Mrs Thatcher's support yesterday when he told the Bruges group: "Margaret Thatcher's approach will secure Britain's interests and the real interests of people throughout the community. Neither that nor the cause of a free and liberal Europe will be served by European policy based on surrender on the instalment plan." Mr Lamont called the Delors plan for monetary union unworkable and predicted the collapse of mooetary co-operatioo if a single currency were imposed. There must be real fears of attempts to create a federal Europe: there could not for long be a single currency without a single

Nicholas Ridley, the former trade secretary who is one of Mrs Thatcher's staunchest allies, urged people to support her "through thick and thin", saying that 80 per cent of Britons probably backed the Thatcher line on Europe.

Mr Ridley, who resigned in July after outspoken remarks about German ambitions and the power of the European Commission. attacked "power-hungry Eurocrats" when he spoke to Conservatives in Amber Valley. "Think: appointed, not elected, responsible to oo-one, accountable to noone, oo the verge of taking control find their way blocked by that tiresome Iroo Lady from Britain. No wonder they turn on her with



Tip of troubles: two Muscovites sifting through a rabbish heap outside Moscow for food as the nation faces crippling shortages

EC may step in to save ancient London wood

By MICHAEL McCarthy, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

likely to intervene in the Department of Transport's plans to build a motorway crossing over the Thames in east London which will damage a protected ancient woodland. The move would be without precedent, would have wide implications for other such schemes and would provoke both government anger and delight from environmentalists.

Carlo Ripa di Meana, the environment commissioner, is likely to tell Chris Patten, the environment secretary, that he and Cecil Parkinson, the transport secretary, must carry out an environmental impact assessment of the east London river crossing scheme, which has aroused great oppositioo because of the damage it will do to Oxleas Wood, the finest example of ancient woodland left in London and a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

If he does, his intervention will have a direct bearing on the department's plans to push the M3 motorway through Twyford Down in Hampshire. It may also affect other projects in the pipeline in the £12 billion roads programme, which has been fiercely criticised by the National Trust and the Royal Society for Nature Conservation for the damage it ment. They include the M11 link road in east London and the A34 Newbury by-pass in Berkshire. Last night Peter Price, the

THE European Commission is Conservative Euro MP for southeast London, said he had asked Signor Ripa di Meana to intervene last week, "I shall be delighted if he reacts positively. It will be the right decision. There has been continuous woodland on this site for eight thousand years and there has to be a far stronger argument than I have yet heard before we

allow it to be cut through." Signor Ripa di Meana's officials are taking issue with the transport department over the interpretation of the EC environmental impact assessment directive of 1985, which requires elaborate evaluations of the environmental consequences of major construc-tioo schemes. The directive was given force in English law by the Highways (Assessment of Envi-ronmental Affects) Regulations of



Patter: under fire over plans affecting Oxleas Wood

July 21 1988, which require assessments for all road schemes decided on after that date.

The British regulations say that the decision to go ahead is when the initial orders proposing the scheme are made, which in the case of the east Londoo river crossing was in 1984. However, Brussels lawyers say that relevant decision is the final go-ahead, which in the case of the crossing was a letter from Mr Parkinson dated one week after the regula-tions were published. Consultations are cootinuing, but senior Brussels sources suggested last night that Signor Ripa di Meana would write to Mr Patten remind-ing him of Britain's legal obligations under the directive, which to disregard would invite prosecution in the European court.

The transport department would oot comment last night on how the crossing scheme might be affected by an order from Brussels to carry out an environmental assessment, or on whether such a move would necessitate a new public inquiry.

However, it would be likely to have a direct bearing on other schemes, principally the M3 extension through Twyford Down. Last month in the High Court Mr Justice McCullough environmental assessment had been necessary in European law, saying that the directive did oot apply to schemes in the pipeline.

Awfully jolly high jinks in the dorm

Political sketch

HERE at the House of Commons, MPs on the government benches have been finding it hard to settle down. It is rather like the atmosphere at boarding school after word gets round that a couple of the prefects have been caught smoking be-hind the cycle sheds. Nobody can concentrate on lessons.

Teachers keep dealing with questions from scholars, armed with sheafs of notes. But nobody has done their prep; nobody is thinking about the syllabus, ink pellets are flying, and some of the boys at the back are making rude noises whenever teacher isn't looking. A senior boy has done something unspeakable. Just the name -Heseltine — is enough to set them off; and of course almost everybody disapproves - in public, at least.

But the truth is that it's rather fun. It has been a long and tedious term, and this has broken the monotooy. Whis-pers fill the air. Graffin appears in the lavatories. Giggles echo in the corridors.

Heseltine has not been appeared io class for some time, now. Some say that he's been sent home but the prevailing murmur is that he's at large in the town: on the loose and making trouble. At break, noses are pressed to the railings, for sight or sound of the boy. At ssons, eyes keep straying to

"Are you listening, Clelland?
What have 1 just been saying?"
Mr Waddington, the senior civics master, tackled a disobedient boy ... Well, oot quite. The Rt Hon David Waddington, home secretary, was facing David Clelland, the Labour MP for Tyne Bridge, who had asked about the merger of Sky with BSB. Waddingtoo told Clelland to consider the meaning of the ownership pro-

visions of the broadcasting act. But the class had other things on its mind. Anthony Coombs (C, Wyre Forest), a quiet and helpful hoy, tried an intelligent question about sentencing. But it was useless. From the back of the class, young Banks (Lab, Newham NW) piped up with a

question which was ostensibly about the sentencing of "people who use sexist and offensive language on cellphones" but in fact referred to a report that one of the junior prefects. Need-ham, R, had called the head-mistress a "cow", and been made to apologise. Everyone

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laughed.
This lesson was drawing to a close as Peter Lloyd, one of Mr Waddingtoo's junior teachers, was reminding students of the "law requiring bicycles to be adequately lit during the hours of darkness" and in walked the headmistress herself, dressed in deep purple.

It was almost time for her

study period. She oversees these oo Tuesday and Thursday afternoons: two short sessions designed to keep her in touch with the classroom. Such had been the turmoil in her school in recent days that most of the boys were expecting a stormy session, for she flies off soon for a short visit to France and there are rumours that the board of governors is to meet in her absence. She might, it is rumoured, be returning Econ-omy Class. This, they thought, could be her last showdown.

But there was no showdown. The old girl still commands considerable respect, and habits of obedience die hard. Besides, she looked remarkably assured: so assured that some began to wonder whether the weekend shenanigins had just been some kind of adolescent spree.

The chief rabble-rouser, Neil, asked her some pointed questions about goings-on in the staff room but the headmistress stonewalled. Other students like Ivan Lawrence (from Burton) and David Ashby (from Leicestershire NW) urged her to carry on with her good work and, by the time she sailed out of class, nerves in the old school had steadied a little.

There'll be more loose talk in the dorm, of course, after lights out. But come the dawn, the school bell, and assembly, will it all melt with the shadows? After yesterday, that seemed possible.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Antarctic policy switch

By OUR ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

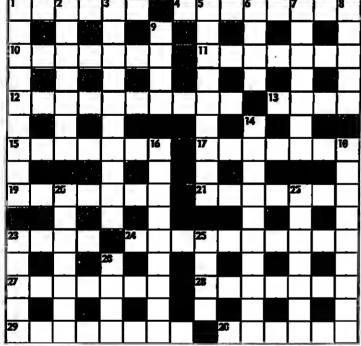
Antarctica a world park for science where mining and oil drilling would be banned, in a significant switch of policy before next week's international meeting in Chile on Aetarctie covironmental protection.

Tristan Garel-Jones, minister of state at the Foreign Office, said yesterday that Britain would "exclude nothing" in a search for consensus at the three-week meeting, and John Heap, head of the polar regions section, said: "There is no rigid opposition to the idea of questioning its stance.

BRITAIN has dropped its oppo-sition to the idea of making has hitherto seemed intent on clinging to the 1988 Amarctic Minerals Convention, which foreshadows mining for the first time, in spite of the fact that an increasing number of countries, led by Australia and France, have turned their backs on it in favour of making the continent an international reserve where no mioeral exploitation would be allowed.

Britain was beginning to look increasingly isolated and the Foreign Office has received more than 1,000 letters from the public

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ACROSS I 1st of August and 1st of March

accepted by priests (6). 4 It's safe to criticize ageless youth (5.3).

10 Silas ate one with salt (7). 11 Popular fellow finally put secand (7). 12 Petition from a whole circle of

people (5,5). 13 Bring about the downfall of a beautiful girl (4).

15 Shed a little light on song about America — Dvorak's first (7). Stuffy, 'aving no thatch (7). 19 Meeting house managed to make a come-back (7).

French honour (7).

21 East German capital rejected the 23 Talking forbidden for musicians

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27 Is due to change? Uolikely! (7). 28 In love with woman we domi-

nate (7). 29 Instruments providing dance music (8). 30 In the middle of a film, di-

amonds are hidden (6).

Resort is merely unsettled by incursion of gang leader (4,5).
 Name on bottom of the canvas

3 Bishop follows girl to car show-ing advancing age (4,6). 5 The best flier brought in to do a removal job (9). 6 Schoolboy bridge-player (4).

7 Sort of plainer 18 (7). 8 None of the competitors here starts to score (5). 9 Group travel's heading to American city (4).

Sewing technique from France — hems worked differently here (6.4). 16 Chapter I'd rewritten, going for

a song (4.5).

18 "Sugarplum" perhaps — a composition fit to listen to (9).

20 I left the priest in church (7).

22 Outlaw gang captures doctor (7). 23 One who assassinated Army General (5). 25 Instrument that helps one to look up (4).

Some straw is perceptible here (4).

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard BIOGS HOUSTON a. A Texan soldier b. An American presider

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UK fund

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Moscow

Continued from page 1 assistance to Moscow. If the

European Community decides to

do so Britain will make its

contribution, but it feels priority

should be given to the efforts by the Group of 24 nations to assist some East European nations.

Some in the Foreign Office feel that despite Moscow's problems it

is far from being short of money.

This view is not shared in Wash-

ington, where there are fears that

unrest in the Soviet Union could

get out of hand this winter. The

administration is considering giv-

ing or selling large quantities of US grain to the Soviet Union or to

individual republics. It has dis-

cussed the plan with other Western nations, but has not yet received a formal request from its

former Cold War adversary.

There has been some criticism

in Washington of a plan which

could be seen as an attempt to

rescue President Gorbachev, but

the administration appears un-

Britain has no such concerns, as

Mrs Thatcher has never hidden

her wish to encourage Mr Gorbachev. The British move is

understood to follow repeated

requests from Moscow. It might

have seemed sensible to wait until

next month, when President

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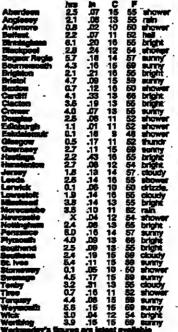
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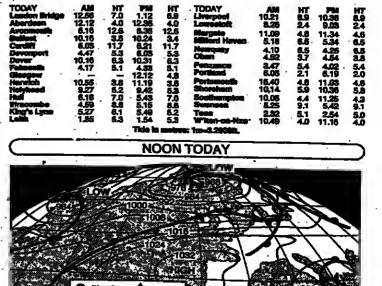
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9.00 News, regional news and weather
9.05 Brainwave, Quiz game show
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News, regional news and weather 12.05 After Noon: Travel Show Extra. Penny Junor discusses Lido di Jesolo, Italy, and Malvern 12.20 Scene Today. The daily enterta programme from Pebble Mil 12.55 Regional news and weather 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Heyton, Weather 1.30 Neighbours.

(Ceetex)
1.50 Film: Dawn! (1979). An illuminating biopic of the Australian swimming champion Dawn Frazer (Browyn Mackay-Payne), chronicling both her triumphs in the pool and her ive and controversial private life. Directed by Ken Hannem

3.40 Chilly Willy Double Bill. Carbons 3.50 Bump 3.55 Corners. Informative show for inquisitive youngsters 4.10 The Jetsons. Fun with the cartoon family of the future 4.35 Record Breekers with Roy Castle and Chent Baker 5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove, Episode ten of the drama set in and

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5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern reland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather 6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Wogan in Hollywood. The guests are actress Valente Herper, Ismous for her roles in Rhods and Valerie, and her roles in Rhods and Valerie, and Charles Fleischer, the voice behind

Charles Fleischer, the voice behind Roger Rabbit
7.30 Only Foots and Horses: The Yellow Peril. A genuine comedy classic starring David Jason as failed south London entrepreneur Del-boy, here becoming involved in another dodgy deal (r).

8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Family game show hosted by the great survivor, assisted by the winsome Rosemarie Ford 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather 9.30 Casualty: Remembrance.

(Ceefax) 10.20 Omnibus: The Return of the Green Man.

CHOICE: The television version of Sir Kingsley Amis's novel is the cue for a wider examination of the myth of the Green Man with contributions from film director John Boorman, composer Sir Harrison Birtwistle and Sir Kingsley

himself. The essence of a myth is that it defies precise definition and

Uncompromising hospital drama.



Rub of the green: Sir Kingsley Amis (10.20pm)

can therefore be reinferpreted by succeeding generations without lear of micrepresentation. Julian Herriques's film is an anthology of such interpretations from church carvings, to the medieval poem "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight" and the Steine comic strip. People have always used the Green Man for their own purposes. In the present ecological climate, the idea of regeneration and the power of nature has led environmentalists to make the connection between the Green Man and green postics, while the darker side of the myth continues to inspire images less positive and more unsettling

11.10 Film: Phentom of the Rue Morgue (1954) starting Karl Maiden, Patricia Medine and Steve Forrest. Earle horror movie set in Paris at the turn of the century. An insene murderer is sevegely folling attractive girls. The crimes have no appearant motive and the posice are baffled. Enjoyable romp adapted from an Edgar Alien Pos novel and first made in 1932 with Bela. Lugoei under the title Murders in the Rue Morgue. Directed by Roy Del Ruth 12.30am Weather

is one of the series' more polished offerings, with the Australian cops making rather better thespiens than their British counterparts. Ludovic Kennedy's topping and tailing is so brief that it is almost redundant. (Ceetax)
9.30 Monty Python's Flying Circus. More
funacy from the manic team (r).

Desyton cheirs the corredy quiz show and is joined by news addicts ten Histop, Paul Merton, Tony Banks, MP, and Germaine Greer Newsnight 11.15 Weather

11.20 New West. Foot-lapping western sounds from two glants of country rock — the Desert Roce Band and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band 11.50 Film: Je vous alme (1980).

• CHOICE: Despite its strong cast,

this ten-year-old film by the French director Claude Barri seems to have had little or no cinema exposure in Britain, which would surely not have happened had it come after and not before Berri's best-known offerings, Jean de Florette and Manon des Sources, Catherine Deneuve plays Alica, a beauty in her mid-thirties who has had many love affeirs but failed to achieve a settled relationship. Bringing her former lovers and their children together for an unorthodox Christmas party, she recalls her various relationships against the background of her cereer from journalist to song-writer. The time shifts, can be confusing but there are satisfying performances from Deneuve a and two other stalwarts of recent French cinema, Jean-Louis Trintignant and Generd Departieu, Look out,

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6.00 TV-am begins with news followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Maya Even and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorrane Kelly. With news on the hour and bulletins on the half hour. In the Doc Spot at 6.20 and 8.35 Dr Hilary Jones discusses pre-conception. After Nine leatures Russell Grants with his star signs for the

week sheed 9.25 Keynotes, Music game show hosted by Alistaic Divell 9.55 Thames News

10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Mike Scott chairs a discussion on cuits operating in the UK 10.40 This Morning, Magazine series on

family matters presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes fashion news, advice on hair care, the latest techniques in the light against infertility and an item on woolcraft. Plus national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 tollowed 12.05 Rainbow. Educational entertainment for pre-school children 12.25 Home and

Away, Australian scap about a couple and their foster children 12.55 Thames News and weather 1.00 News at One with Nicholas Owen.

Weather
1.20 A Problem Aired. A repeat of last night's emotional counselling programme. With therapist Dr John Cobb 1.50 A Country Practice, Australian medical drama senal 2.20 Tharmas Action. London consumer

issues introduced by Viv Taylor Gee and Jacqui King 2.50 Talkabout. Quz for fast-thinking couples, hosted by Andrew O'Connor

3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Drama serial set in a large Australian

city hospital 3.55 Paddington Bear, Cartoon series based on the books by Michael Bond about a bear from darkest Peru 4.25 How 2. The programme that enswers the question "how?", with Fred Dinenage, Carol Vorderman and Garth Jones 4.45 Knightmans. Electronic dungeon and chagons game featuring four french from Devon

5.10 Horms And Away (r)
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
5.55 Crime Monthly Preview. Paul Ross
looks at the cases to be shown later

tonight 6.00 Six O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough, includes guests Lynn, Venessa and Jemms Redgrave, and two advertising agencies with 30-second commercials on behalf of the rival Tory leadership contestants
7.00 Family Fortunes, Family quiz show
hosted by Les Dennis. The contestants this week come from Essex and

7.30 Coronation Street. Scap set in

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8.00 Murder, She Wrote: Test of Will.
Another in the seemingly encless series
of detective mysteries staming
Angele Lansbury as crime writer Jessica.
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out muritary or frament for murier on Fletcher, whose thands and relatives get murdered or framed for murder on an elarmingly regular besis. Tonght Jessica spends a weekend at the isolated island retreat of a muttimilitioneire who believes his life to be in danger. With Gene Barry 9.00 Coasting: Poetic Justice. Lively cornedy drawn as turning Peter Howitt and larger Purefry set two 1 coden.

James Purefoy as two London brothers on the run from crooks in

London who seek a safe haven in Blackpool. Now they find themselves pursued by a notonous local villain

posing as a poet 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnel and Trevot McDonald. Weather 10.35 LWT News and weather 10.40 Crime Monthly includes details of

the murder in London of Judith Silver who was found battered to death near her Hampstead home 11.40 Jake and the Fatman: Rhapsody in Blue. American detective drama starring William Conrad as a large FBI agent. An ambitious businessman and his wife see murder as a way to success With Joe Penny as his sidekick Jake

12.35am The World of Golf. From tee to green with Dickie Davies, and advice from David Leabetter. Followed by

News Headlines.

1.05 The James Whale Redio Show.
Live cheos with the controversial phonein host. Followed by News headlines 2.05 CinemAttractions. The latest movie releases in the US

2.35 The Story of Rock 'n' Roll. Among those appearing are Brenda Lee, Connie Francis and Whitney Houston 3.05 The Fugitive. First of a two-part adventure — The Judgment. The

mystery surrounding the death of Kimble's wife is about to be unraveiled as the senes reaches its conclusion. Starring David Janssen, Barry Morse and Bill Raisch (r) 4.00 The Monkees. More music and

mayhem with the playful pop group (r) mayness with the paying pop group (r)
4.30 The Partridge Family. Good clean
family fun with the all-singing Partridges.
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tife. Starring David Cassidy and Sucan

Dey (r)
5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 8.00

BBC 2

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster. A look at yesterday's 9.00 Daytime on Two
2.00 News and weather followed by
Words and Pictures (r)
2.15 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen
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Rollason. Live coverage of the 2.40, 3.10 and 3.40 races from Ascot; and six finals from the TSB national winter swimming championships from Coventry includes at news and weather

4.00 Call My Bluff, Referee Robert
Robinson chairs a war of wit and words
between Arthur Marshall, Frank Muir,
Sheila Steefel, Stephen Fry, Elaine Paige
and Lord Havers (r)
4.30 Behind the Headlines. Sandi

Toksvig unveils the National Portrait Gallery's £30,000 secret weapon — video portraits; Mark Lawson reviews Ronald Reagan's autobiography, An American Life; and American dencer Michael Wyse explains why he

Michael Wyse explains why he defected to the Moscow City Ballet 5.00 Food and Drink presented by Chris Kelly, Michael Barry and Jill Goolden (r) 5.30 Top Gear. Includes Chris Goffey road testing the VW Caravelle and the Toyota Previa (r) 6.00 Film: Ivanhoe (1952). Sumptuous medieval swaehbuckler starring Robert Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor and Joen Fontaine, extravagently directed by Richard Thorpe, Wales: Susiness Matters 6.25 Espena Viva 6.50 A Vous La Francel 7.15 Wales in Westminster

7.45 What the Papers Say. The Guerdian's Michael White casts a critical eye over this week's press and celebrates the Sun's coming of age

8.00 Public Eye: Local Government — Where Costs Come First, John Andrew reports on how some local authorities will try to keep next year's

polities low 8.30 The Travel Show Guides. Penny Junor introduces a warts-end-ell report on the comparatively inaccessible and unspoilt northern coast of Spain. (Ceetax)



Money beg: a dive into murky waters (9.00pm)

9.00 Indelible Evidence: Voice of Extortion

CHOICE: The last in the series of reconstructed forensic triumphs comes from Australia and concerns a case of bombing and extention centred on the toy department of the Sydney Woolworths on Christmas Eva. The stora is histily evacuated after a as missay evacuated after a telephone warning and an explosion causeties. It is followed by a demand for one million dollars. With the police and other experts playing themselves, and the villains played by actors, the trail leads to the waterfront where a diver is arrested as he tries to grab the ransom money. But he denies involvement in the crime, Although the inevitability of the outcome robs the nemative of some of its tension, this

10.00 Have I Got News for You? Angus

too, for an appearance by Serge Gainsbourg, who also wrote the songe. Ends at 1.35em

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Music to soothe with beautiful natural images 6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Schools 12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service 1.00 Sesame Street, Educational fun for

pre-school children 2.00 Attempt on the Pole. in 1989 an international expectition prepared for a trek to the Pole by covering 1,300 miles of Greenland. This was not merely a rehearsal, because it was the first complete north to south crossing of Greenland and it helped to excusion the team to self-eurificiency.

accustom the team to self-sufficiency and solitude

2.30 Firm: Seventh Heaven (1937, b/w).
Heart-warming love-in-a-garret story about a Paris sewar worker whose love for a prostitute never wanes. Although soggy at times, this remake of the 1927 classic is guaranteed to louch the stoniest cynic. Starring James Stewart and Simone Simon, Directed by Henry

4.25 Henry Moore, Works by the celebrated sculptor animated by Sheila Graber

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart with another round of the fast-moving

5.00 Not on Sunday, includes a look at the implications of the enthronement of Emperor Alcihito as a high priest of

the Shinto religion 5.30 American Football: Red 42. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach take time out to present news, interviews and action from the NFL

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Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

 Happy Days. Comedy about high school life in small-town Milwaukee in the Fiftees starring Ron Howard and Henry Winkler 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests are Derek Hatton, American comedienne Margaret Smith and, with a song, Electribe 101

7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi. Weather



State of the art: Adrienne Corri (7.50pm)

7.50 First Reaction, Adrienne Corri discusses the state of the international art market

8.00 Brockside. Soop set in suburban

Liverpool. (Teletext)
8.30 Hard News investigates how the national press reports rape, includes an interview with the editor of The Times, Simon Jenkins, and Home Office minister John Patten 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey, Irraverent

comedy about the personal and professional rivelines of journalists in a buzzing television news station. Starring Robert Duncan, Haydin Gwynne and Nail Pearson (r) 9.30 Views of Kew: The Wildest Dreams, Series which looks behind the scenes of London's horticultural

oride, Kew Gardens. A croup of experts from Kew were joined by a carr from Kew were joined by a camera crew on a recent expedition to the Himaleysa Viewers are treated to a insight into how rare plants were studied and collected around the Nepolese border than nurtured back in London, and how the gardens conserve rare species by keeping a seed bank at Wakehurst Place in Sussex for protected species (Toletext)

10.00 The Golden Girls: Have Yourself a Very Little Christines, Sharp withcisms from the four middle-aged women who live together in Miami. A heatwave renders Christmas shopping unbearable for the four friends, so they

decide to buy just one person o present each. The trouble is that nobody wants to and up with a present from Rose because of her dubious taste. (Teletext)
10.30 This is David Harper, Partners in Crime. Following in the tootsteps of Stephen Fry's David Lander, Tony

Stattery engages in another spoot on foot-in-the-door journalism. Tonight's story involves a delicate matter with the police and an armed robber turned supergrass 11.00 The Word, With Holly Johnson,

Belinda Carlisle, Sean Young and Steve Guttenberg
12.00 Dancedaze, Brixton Academy is the venue for the hippest word on the dance

and clubbing scene
1.00am Film: The Hideous Sun Demon (1955, b/w). Continuing the Killer Bs season, this sparky picture directed by and starring Robert Clarke trails the unfortunate fale of a scientist who, after a large dose of radiation, has the tendency to become a scaly, lizard-like monster in daylight, With Patricia Manning, Nan Peterson and Patrick Whyte. Ends at 2.25

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3.30 American Ton 4.00-5.00 American
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Road 18.40 The Union and the League
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GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.50 AIP

6.55am Weather and News

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7.00 Morning Concert: Stanford
(The Bluebird: Cambridge
Singers under John Rutter);
Granger (A Lincolnehire Poey:
London Wind Orchestra under
Wicks); Bridge (Sir Roger de
Covenley: Deline Cuertet)
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7.30 News
7.35 Morring Concert (cont):
Strauss, an Kempe (Waltzes
from Der Rosenkavalier:
Dreaden State Orchestra
under Kempe); Mendelssohn
(Morgengruse: Jenet Baker,
mezzo, Geoffrey Parsons,
plano); Schubert (Fantesia in F
minor, D 940; Radu Lupu and
Murray Perahis, plano duet);

Murray Perahia, piano duet); Ravel (La Vales: Montreal SO

under Chartes Duron;
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Coptend, Norset (English SO
under Boughton); In the
Beganning (Corydon Singers
under Best, with Cetherins
Denley, mezzo); Pisno Quartet
(Boston Symphony Chember
Players, with Gilbert Kallet,

9.35 Comi di Bassetto: Extracts

from the writings of George Bernerd Shaw introduce a selection from the author's

Musical entrusianus Ego (Cockelgne Overfula: Philhemonia under John Barbrolli), Bach (Chromatic Fentasia, BWV 903: Arnold

Dolmetsch, clavichord); G

Dolmetsch, cavicnorus; cines (Vielin Sonala, Op 45: Dmitri Sitkovetsky, with Bella Devidowich, piano); Mozart (Overture, Don Giovanni: Royal Concertgabouw Circhestra under Nikolaus Hympochurth: Raethovan

rioyal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Nikolaus Harnocourt); Beethoven (Pano Sonata, Op 53. Waldstein; Mikhali Pletnev); Hermann Goetz (Symphony In F. Monte Carlo National Opera Openatra under Van

P: Morte Caro National Opera Orchestra under Van Remoortel): Scrisbin (Fantasy, Op 28: John Ogdon): Mozart (Adaglo in B flat, K 484a: Winds of the Berlin

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BSB GALAXY

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7.55, 8.57 Weather Z 772 (r) 4.00 Ulster Orchestra under John 9.00 Nows
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(Overture, La Cenerentola);
Haydra (Symphorry No 87 in A);
Respight (The Birds)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure with Roger

6.30 Dr Jazz: in the final programme on Jelly Roll Morton, Charles Fox examines the Thirties, a period when the abroad

10.30 Morning Story: The Visit, by
Mary Jameson. Read by John
Shedden

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; Manna to Microwave:
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new work is at the Nigel
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7.30 College Concert: Live from the
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Music, Manchester. BBC
Philhermonic Orchestra under
Edward Downes performs Phiharmonic Circlesia dites Edward Downes performs . Alwyn (Symphony No 3); 8.00 Eigar: Men and Musician. Lionel Satter with archive racollections from Sir Yehudi recollections from Sir Yehudi Menuhin and others of Eigar as a conductor, 8.20 Eigar so different? 11,47 Seven About Seven: Seven

as a computant; a zer chima (Violin Concerto in B minor) 9.25 The Phoenix — a Portrait of Miles Davis: CHOICE: An absorbing documentary, lavishly Bustrated with classic Davis recordings. The trumpeter, now 64, has inspired several generations of jazz musicians. His early turne blossomed through collaboration with Git through collaboration with an Evens, producing the orchestret trilogy Miles Ahead, Porgy and Bess and Sketches of Spain; but, as biographer ian Care explains, Davis lainself has been responsible for a monumental body of work. Associates speak wermly of the man and the warmly of the man and the myth. You can enjoy his muck in a series of eight

programmes beginning next 10.25 Schumenn (Soneta No 1 in F Mendesses 1.00pm News
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Petrok Ireland, viola, performs
Dvořák (Terzetro in C. Op 74;
Cuertet in E flat, Op 97)
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1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only)
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the Day with the Rev James
Butterworth (s) 6.30 Today,
with John Humphrys and Sue
MccGregor, incl 6.30, 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55,
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and an item on what becoppo as boog setutits to bed taste 3.00 News; Classic Seriel: The Forsyte Chronicles. Dirk Bogarde narrates the seventh of a 23-part adeptation of John Galsworthy's sage (\$) (1) 4.00 News

review of the City of Birmingham Touring Opera's production of *The Aing*, Natale Wheen investigates what measures are being what measure and being taken to improve security in art gelieries; there is a report on the collaboration between Scottish museums and galleries which has resulted in

galleries which has resumed a a comprehensive exhibition of Scottish art in Glasgow, and Misse Moran reviews Alan Masse's movel The Hanging 77:ee (s)
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7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week with
Margaret Howard (s)
8.05 Any Questions? From Lincoln.
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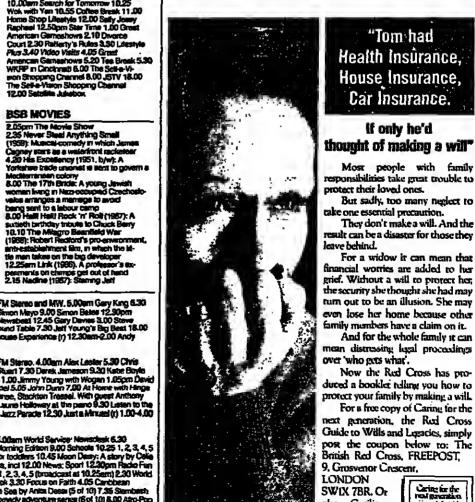
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payout is raised 15%

CATER Allen is lifting its interim dividend by 15 per cent to op after a "significantly larger" profit in the six months to end-October.

The discount house benefited from the nne-point cut in interest rates last month, while its money broking and Jersey operations did well. Profits were boosted from the interest earned nn the £14 millinn Cater raised in a rights issue last summer. Cater, like other discount houses is exempted from reporting detailed interim figures.

Analysts now expect Cater to easily beat the net profit of £7.4 million it made last year. UniChem début

About 4,400 retail chemists made "paper fortunes" as UniChem shares touched 127p on their first day of trading on the London stock market. UniChem's pharmacist customers saw an im-mediate profit of 1,200 per

Locker higher

Thomas Locker (Hnldings) lifted pre-tax profits from £944,000 to £1.05 million in the half-year to end-September. Earnings per share rose from 1.32p to 1.64p. The interim dividend is main-

Sotheby's loss

Sotheby's, the auction hnuse, reporting nn a traditionally quiet third quarter, shows a pre-tax loss of \$5.4 millinn dnwn from an \$8.3 million loss last year - for the three months ended September.

Concentric rise

Concentric lifted pre-tax profits by 13 per cent to £9.2 million in the year to end-September. Earnings per share rose from 27.23p to 28.40p. The final dividend is 7.63p (6.55p), making 11p (9.36p).

Bennett warning Shares in Bennett & Fountain Group fell 5p to 10p after the company gave warning that the results for the year to end-June would be "materially below expectations".

Amax purchase Amax, the American energy and resources group, is to buy Ladd Petroleum from General

Volvo falls 63%

Volvo, the Swedish vehicle maker, reports a 63 per cent slump in profits to 2.26 billion

Cater Allen Royal suffers record £91m loss as house claims soar

breaking loss of £91 million in the nine months to end-September, compared with a £125 million pre-tax profit last year, while the group's solvency has slumped to a 16-

premiums we receive must give a proper expectation of attaining profit," he said, "This takes priority over market share."

Claims are still coming in, and analysts expect subsidence losses to total £130 million in the full year.

The group's motor premiums were increased by 10 rose from £22 million to £37 per cent at the start of the million. Mr Rushton said the month, the second rise this year. Mr Rushton said hnuse structure rates would also have to rise by a tenth, with even steeper increases due on commercial motor and propcrty policies.

The group has cut its staff company is certainly getting by 250 so far this year and Mr Rushton said there would be said Steven Bird, an insurance further significent job losses. Despite the losses, Royal's share price rose 17p to 390p on hopes of higher premiums. the woods." There is no third Investors were also en- quarter dividend.

ARSON attacks and house couraged by the group's state-subsidence claims pushed ment that it was not Royal Insurance into a record-considering a rights issue despite a 29 per cent fall in its reserves, and the lower losses Royal has been hit by 6,300

subsidence claims, caused by the dry summer, almost dou-ble last year's total. The value utive, gave warning that the losses would mean job cuts and premium increase. each, as houses suffered the effect of two dry winters and

Commercial property losses

million. Mr Rushton said the

increase in arson claims was "obviously connected" with the downturn in the economy. Analysts were encouraged by a fall in losses at the group's American subsidiary from £78 million to £69 million. The analyst at Smith New Court "But it will be some while before we can say it is out of



Premiums warning: Ian Rushton yesterday

News Corp profits dip 3% in first quarter

By OUR CITY STAFF

PROFITS of The News Corporation, the international Corporation, the international media group that owns The Times, fell 3 per cent to Aus\$65.1 million (£26 million) before tax in the first three manths to end-September on a 41 per cent increase in ber on a 41 per cent increase in turnover to Aus\$2.78 billion. Earnings, before abnormal items, fell 31 per cent to Aus\$25.9 million, but there were abnormal profits of Aus\$29 million.

The results encompass a 68 per cent rise in American trading profits to Aus\$262 million, stagnant profits of Aus\$91 million from Australia and the Pacific Basin and a decline from profits of Aus\$63 million to losses of Aus\$21 million in Britain.

The downturn in Britain reflects the inclusion of Sky Television for three months compared with one month a year ago. The results also include the Harper Collins book publishing interests, which became wholly owned from June and account for most of the increase in net interest payments from Aus\$218 million to Aus\$283 million.

News Corp says the merger of Sky Television and BSB will substantially reduce future costs of building the investment and ensure a re-turn to profits in Britain for the rest of the year.

price, as worries grow that the

The Royal Bank refused to

comment on whether it was

thinking of pulling the bid. BankWorcester has reveal

ed that its non-performing loans were still worth \$68

million at the end of Septem-

ber. The bank suffered a \$6.2

million net loss in the first

nine months of the year due to

worsening problems in the

It is believed the Royal

Bank still wants to buy

bank cannot hit the target.

THE Household Mortgage Corporation has bought the £200 million mortgage book of Chase Manhattan Bank. The centralised lender paid a premium of about 1 per cent for the business and is expected to announce further acquisitions soon. The 3,700-4,000 borrowers should benefit from the transfer of leaves as the 16.25 per cent mortgage rate will be reduced.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

HMC buys mortgage

book from Chase

of loans as the 16.25 per cent mortgage rate will be reduced by

at least 1 per cent.

An HMC spokesman said that Chase's mortgage arrears were "not bad" and the mortgage book fitted in with HMC's existing business. Chase has also put its Visa credit card business up for sale but has not attracted a buyer. The credit card market has suffered from overcapacity in the past year and Chase, which pays interest on credit balances and charges a lower rate of interest than most of the big providers, is likely to be feeling the squeeze more than its rivals.

at Hartstone

HARTSTONE Group, the handbag, leather goods and hosiery group that has been transformed by a new management team, saw pre-tax profits surge from £677,000 to £2.26 million in the six months to end-September.
Turnover leapt from £5.56
million to £25.4 million
boosted by acquisitions and about 10 per cent organic growth. There is an improved interim dividend of 1.25p (0.75p).

Profits surge Tomkinsons at £1.58m

PRE-TAX profits at Tom kinsons, the Worcestershire carpet manufacturer, de-clined from £3.76 million to £1.58 million in the year to September 29, in difficult market conditions. The group, which mainly supplies carpets for residential use, saw turnover fall from £28 million to £24.3 million. Earnings per share plunged from 40.5p to 16.6p. The final dividend stays at 8p, making an unchanged 11.5p.

Solid year at Gleeson

MJ GLEESON Group, the housebuilder and contractor, saw pre-tax profits little changed at £1 1.67 million, against £1 1.63 million, in the year to end-June despite the difficult times in the construction industry.

Gleeson is paying a 7.94p final dividend, making a total of 9.36p (10.77p). Turnover was ahead from £134 million to £166 million but was not matched by a corresponding rise in £100 million but was not maiched by a corresponding rise in trading profit because of the need for further provisions against land values. The group had the benefit of a £108,000 rise in rental income to £2.78 million and a £239,000 increase in interest received to £875,000.

to £524,000

REXMORE, the Liverpool supplier of upholstery, tex-tiles and timber, lifted pretax profits from £503,000 to £524,000 in the six months to September 29. Disposals led to a 14 per cent decline in turnover to £20.7 million, although turnover for the retained businesses was ahead by 12 per cent. The interim dividend is maintained at 0.7p. The shares were unchanged at 25p.

Rexmore up Sanders finds good niche

SANDERS & Sidney, the USM executive conne service which gains a significant part of its business by advising redundant City employees and displaced executives seeking relocation, lifted pre-tax profits from £238,000 to £584,000 in the six months to end-September. Turnover rose from £1.45 million to £2.94 million. The interim dividend is 3.45p (2.3p).

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McLeod Russel slips

A SHARP increase in net interest received, from £957,000 to £3.12 million, coupled with £2.1 million proceeds from the sale of a warehouse, helped limit the stide in pre-tax profits at McLeod Russel Holdings', the surface contings, textiles and property group. Profits in the year ended September were £7.75 million, compared with £8.74 million.

The group suffered from lower vehicle registrations and

raw material price increases, but operations achieved profits of £5.83 million compared with £6.13 million. The final dividend rises from 2.75p to 3.05p, making 5.8p (5.25p). The shares were unchanged at 78p.

Drexel accused of LIT agrees RBS may call off bribery and fraud

From JOHN DURIE IN NEW YORK

regulators have accused Drexel Burnham Lambert Group, the failed investment bank, of "bribery, coercion, extortion and fraud" in a \$6.8 hillion claim against the group to recover money the regulators say was lost by about 50 failed savings banks.

The claim was made to the federal bankruptcy court, whose deadline for all claims Electric of America for \$515 against the firm has now expired. Drexel filed for bankruptcy earlier this year.

The regulators, the Resolutioo Trust Corp and Federal intended to file claims person-Deposit Insurance Corp said kronor (£208 million) in the Drexel "plundered savings the fo first nine months of this year. and loans through bribery, chief.

AMERICAN savings and loan coercion, extortion, fraud and other illegal means". They claimed Drexel bribed execntives of savings and loan associations who invested in junk bonds to maintain the appearance of a market for illiquid junk bonds.

The agency said the claims were in respect of 40 institutions now under government control and the regulators said their claim would be updated as its investigations cootinued. Only 5.3 per cent of thrifts invested in junk bonds.

The regulators said they ally against Michael Milken. the former Drexel junk bond

refinance package

LIT Holdings, the troubled financial services group, has agreed a £26.2 million refinancing with its bankers. The package will save the group £2 million in interest costs and allow it to start paying dividends again.

The refinancing is a victory by Christopher Castleman, the chairman, to restore the company's balance sheet. LIT has struggled for more than a year to reduce its debt from £71 million to £25 million, helped by disposals. The rest of the debt was

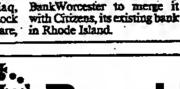
until now repayable in June next year. Mr Castleman said this was "unstable and extremely costly" and had frightened business away from LITAM, the group's futures clearing house in the America.

\$149m bank buy By OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE ROYAL Bank of Scot- and are currently about \$11, land may withdraw its \$149 compared with the \$22.50 bid land may withdraw its \$149 million bid for BankWorcester in the United States unless the American bank can reduce its bad debt portfolio by early next year.

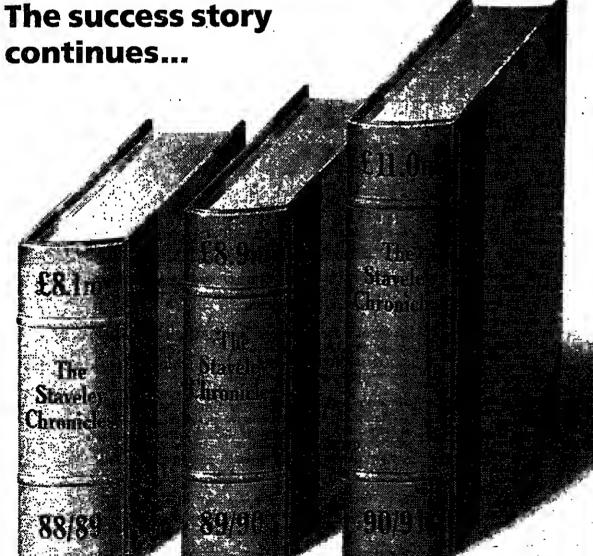
The Royal Bank bid for BankWorcester in February. The terms allowed it to pull out if BankWorcester's nonperforming assets were still above \$50 million by the time the Royal Bank's takeover received regulatory approval. The regulators' decision is due New England property by January 15.

Since then, however Bank-Worcester's shares bave shid dramatically on Nasdaq, America's screen-based stock inarket, to as low as \$9 a share, in Rhode Island.



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Results for the 26 weeks ended 29.9.90

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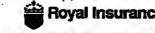
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- Pre-tax loss £91m (1989: £125m profit).
- Result remains dominated by worldwide weather losses of £185m and UK subsidence losses of £76m.
- In North America there was a reduced pre-tax loss in the USA and the Canadian operation produced a satisfactory profit.
- Our emphasis remains on the restoration of profitable operations through the basic insurance practice of ensuring adequate prices for the risks underwritten.
- As a consequence of the fallback in most of the world's major stockmarkets Capital and Reserves total £1,797m. The solvency margin of 35% does not include either the embedded value of the existing life business of some £580m or the goodwill of acquired businesses such as Maccabees Life Insurance Company, Lloyd Italico and the estate agency operations.



City Editor John Bell

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BRITISH Gas has won approval from Canadian regulatory authorities for its proposed £565 million purchase of the Consumers' Gas

Company of Toronto (Ross Tieman writes).

The deal, agreed with GW Utilities, Consumers' 82 per cent stakeholder, provides BG's first major expansion in the business of distributing gas to homes, shops, factories and offices outside Britain. Global springboard, page 27

Blenheim Group to buy Gramac

Blenheim Group, the inter-national exhibitions concern, is paying Fr110.6 million for Gramac, organiser of a twice-yearly children's fashion ex-hibition in Paris.

able profits to £21.3 million for the year to end-August, and earnings np 54 per cent to 58.3p a share. A final dividend takes over as chairman, said of 14p gives a total of 20p. Tempus, page 27

Peck meeting

POLLY Peck International's newly-formed creditors' committee will hold its first meeting with administrators today while Asil Nadir, chairman and largest shareholder of the fresh fruit, electronics and hotels company, flies to northem Cyprus to review the company's operations in the

FKI tumbles

FKI, the electrical products group, reports a setback in pre-tax profits from £35.4 million to £26.3 million for million to £26.3 million for the half year to end-September, but the figure disguises a is additional to his £817,000 dramatic recovery since last salary, is thought to be the year's second half when profits fell to £19.2 million. The interim dividend is held at 2p. . Tempes, page 27

Sparking finish

More than 125,000 people made last-minute telephone registrations with the Electric ity Share Information Office in Bristol for the incentives available to customers in this month's flotation of the 12 regional distribution companies in England and Wales. The price will be announced oo Wednesday.

THE POUND

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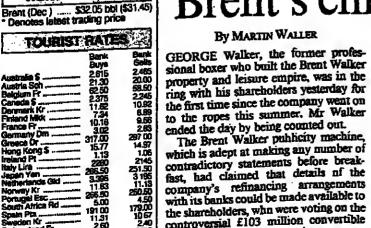
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Sir Ralph Halpern to be paid £2 million in compensation

Burton scraps executive share option scheme

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

stigated by Sir Ralph Halpern, is to be scrapped.

The abulition of the scheme, which made Sir Ralph Britain's highest paid company chief in 1987, co-incides with his departure as chairman and chief executive Blenheim has announced a of Burton and the payment of

> takes over as chairman, said Sir Ralph's departure was by mutual consent. Sir Ralph will receive £1.4 million in deferred bonuses, paid over three years, and £600,000 compensation for loss of office. His pension is £456,000 a year for life. Laurence Cooklin, jnint managing director, takes over as chief executive. His salary last year was £574,000.

Sir John said the incentive scheme could lead to "anomalous situations". It was not an appropriate scheme for a recession, although it had served a useful purpose when

Sir Ralph's package, which most generous in British corporate history, but Sir John said it was not excessive given Sir Ralph's 30 years' service with the company and the amount he had achieved.

Sir John said the issue of Sir

Despite the sharper-than-

earnings still moving ahead,

with underlying average carn-

up from 10 per cent in August.

More disturbing was the pick-up in unit-labour cost

expected increase, the latest since March 1986. labour market figures showed Though data or

ings growing at an annual a cut in base rate, uncertainty 10.25 per cent in September, over Mrs Thatcher's leader-

pected to stay on as non-executive chairman, but Sir John said the fact that he had severed all links with the group did not mean that he had been forced to leave by colleagues or institutions.

Sir John said there were no other board changes planned, although analysts said Paul Plant, joint managing direc-tor, may decide to go if the property portfolio is sold. He is responsible for the property development division and re-ceived a £574,000 salary last

Burton, which owns Debenhams, Dorothy Perkins, Prin-ciples and Tnp Shop, yester-day announced £133 million pre-tax profits for the year to end-September, down 39 per cent. Sales rose 5 per cent to £1.74 billion and earnings per share fell 34 per cent to 17.3p. The final dividend has been cut from 6.4p to 3p, making 6p, down 35 per cent. Burton shares rose 10½p to 77½p.

Sir John said the decision to cut the dividend had nothing to do with Sir Ralph's departure. "The board's decision to reduce the final dividend re- per cent (48 per cent last year). flects the very difficult trading conditions experienced by the group during the second half as well as a cantious view of the current financial year. The board believes the new dividend provides a reasonable base for a resumption in dividend growth when trading conditions improve."

There was an £83.9 million extraordinary charge made up Ralph's resignatino had been of a £169 million writedown

Jobless rate at 6% after

biggest jump since 1986

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE biggest monthly rise in growth at 9.8 per cent. As pro-unemployment for four-and-duction declined, manufactur-horrendous", showing that the

a-half years pushed the jobless ing output per head in the government would have to rate back up to 6 per cent last third quarter dropped 0.1 per wait a long time for rising

cent against the same period last year, the first quarterly fall

Though data on capital

investment and notes in circulation fuelled the case for

ship and the constraints of full

THE Burton Group's under discussion for three on the property portinito off-controversial executive months. He had been ex- set by tax relief and the share option scheme invices division, which was sold to GE Capital in July.

> The profits were affected by a number of special factors. Lowndes Queensway's receivership meant Debenham's profits were hit by £5 million Reorganisation costs and the supplementary interest meant profits were hit by £20 million. These factors combined with a dramatic slump in trading led profits in the second half to fall by 52 per

> Retail profits for the full year were down 21 per cent at £146 million, with the second-half stump wiping out firsthalf gains. Profits from the financial services division fell 49 per cent to £17.8 million and property profits fell 78 per cent to £5.6 million,

> The group found itself having to mark down the prices of goods in order to sell them and as a consequence margins fell by almost 4 per cent. The interest charge has increased 22 per cent to £38 million and £25 million of interest has been capitalised. Gearing is 42

The group has 37 property developments in its property division that it is attempting to sell. SG Warburg and Wasserstein Perella are marketing the portfolio as a whole, but Burton has made provisions on the basis that the developments are sold piecemeal between September 1991 and April 1993.

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unemployment to have the

desired impact on earnings.

There was even scope for a

"temporary" interest rate rise,

The employment depart-ment said seasonally adjusted unemployment rose 32,200 in

October to 1,702,700, boost-

rise of 26,000. On an un-

adjusted basis, unemployment fell by 3,322. The monthly trend rise in adjusted

unemployment is now put at

A sign of "hidden unem-

ployment" was the increase in

the oumber of people on short-time working. This jumped 400,000 to a weekly

920,000 in September, the highest level since July 1983. Job vacancies dropped 16,600

to its lowest since July 1983.

Capital expenditure in man-

20,000 to 25,000.



THE horde of throwaway corporate diaries that start to arrive oo desks around oow as the mist appear in the shops may be

studied with a little more care by analysts this year. An embarrassed Capital Radio, in London, has had to announce formally through the International Stock Exchange that its results for the year to end-September would beat those achieved last year

after the oews reached the market by an unorthodox Its own pocket diary con-tained the phrase, buried among the verbiage which normally fills such publications, that "despite the general slowdown in advertising, Cap-

ital was able to announce profits ahead of the previous year's record results". Although this came as little surprise to the market, which had been looking for £15.8 to £15.9 million from Capital for the year, against £15.04 mil-lion last time, analysts were not actually due to hear the happy news until November 29, when the company re-leases its figures for the full

year.

The diaries go to the station's staff and various customers, and a number were already in the post when a sharp-eyed Capital executive realised the company had just made a profits forecast.

ufacturing fell a provisional 3 Lazard Brothers, its merchant bank, which insisted on the per cent in the third quarter, Stock Exchange anoouncement

A spokesman for Capital admitted the circumstances were "not ideal". He added: "We will be

taking a new year's resolution to bring out the results and the diary next year at the same



Happier times: Sir Ralph, who stands down as Burtoo's chief executive and chairman

No details about Racal demerger 'for months'

By JOHN BELL, CITY EDITOR

before shareholders for several rately quoted company. months.

four to six mooths.

The first stage will be the the security division, and Racal Telecom, which is 80 per cent owned by Racal Electronics. Shares in both companies

THE surprise restructuring at will be issued free to Racal Racal Electronics is likely to Electrooics shareholders. take at least four months and After the deals, the remaining possibly longer. After dis- businesses of Racal Election cussions with Rothschilds and ics, which will be the subject of Goldman Sachs, its merchant a management buyout led by reason to helieve that banking advisers, Racal said Sir Ernest Harrison, the chairthat details will oot be placed man, will cootione as a sepa- growth will be markedly

months. Racal Electronics shares Similar demergers, such as will be allowed to trade for the textile operations of what the company described Courtaulds and the paper and as an "appropriate period of retailing arms of BAT, took time" so that a market valuation can be established.

The directors oot involved demergers of Racal Chubb, in Sir Ernest's buyout proposals will then take independent advice oo the plans. Further non-executive directors will be appointed in the near future.

Wellcome shares fall as profits disappoint

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT FINANCIAL EDITOR

WELLCOME, the pharmaceutical group that produces Retrovir, the anti-Aids drug, lost 15 per cent nf its stock market value after reporting profits for the year to end-August well below the lowest

Pre-tax profits still rose by 11 per cent to £315 million on a 17 per cent rise in sales in £1.47 billinn. A relatively lower tax charge left earnings per share 15 per cent higher at 22.7p and the dividend was

raised by 29 per cent tn 6.5p. The City had expected be-tween £335 millinn and £355 million profits, after results for the first half of the year, when profits rose by 28 per cent and profit margins widened.

In the second half, currency gains were lost due to the rising strength of sterling, margins were squeezed hy higher selling nverheads and trading profits fell 11 per cent from the first half of the year. Over the year as a while

profit margins fell from 22.4 to 21.2 per cent. Sales nf Zovirax, the anti-herpes drug that accounts for a quarter of sales, rose by 28 per cent while Retrovir sales rose 27 per cent despite a cut in prices and recommended dosages. The company dismissed fears over possible competitors to Retrovir. Tests indicated that a cocktail of drugs including Retrovir gave the best results. Research and development spending was increased by 21 per cent to £221 million.

Wellcome shares, which had been the highest rated among pharmaceutical com-panies, dropped by 67p to 384p as City analysts hur-riedly reduced their profits forecasts for 1991-92. Most had been predicting more than £400 millioo pre-tax but the £325 and £365 million.

Ian White of Kleinwort Benson said:"Analysis have got it wrong. There is now no Wellcome's pre-tax profits higher than the sector".

lan Moore of Phillips & Drew said: "These results were disappointing and highly rated stocks cannot afford to disappoint. Retrovir is not a wonder drug and growth will no longer be so high. The healthcare industry is struggling to maintain the super margins of the past."

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membership of the European Monetary System, appeared to rule out early monetary loosening. ing the unemployment rate to a provisional 6 per cent from 5.9 per cent in September. Market forecasts centred oo a growth in September from an annual 10 per cent to 10.6 per cent, the highest since May cent, the highest since May 1981. The latest three months mist at Strauss Turnbull, saw Bank urges business to

work inside ERM limits By ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

It told industrialists that they would face painful consequences if they did not adjust wage-setting to recognise the currency constraint. The Bank added that the slowdown in the economy would be steeper and more prolonged than it had previously expected, but agreed with the Treasury's forecast that the ecocomy

By MARTIN WALLER

GEORGE Walker, the former profes-

sional boxer who built the Brent Walker property and leisure empire, was in the

ring with his shareholders yesterday for

the first time since the company went on

to the ropes this summer, Mr Walker

The Brent Walker publicity machine,

which is adept at making any number of

contradictory statements before break-

fast, had claimed that details of the

the shareholders, whn were voting on the controversial £103 million convertible

But Mr Walker said his bankers had

insisted on the issue being passed by

shareholders as a condition of the

refinancing, and contrary to numerous

bond issue, before the meeting.

ended the day by being counted out.

THE Bank of England renew-ed its pledge to keep sterling in Bank's views in the November its exchange-rate mechanism Quarterly Bulletin were broadly in line with other comments made by the Chancellor and Treasury officials. They were less optimistic than the government about the idea that compared with the second labour markets would respond quickly to Erm membership.

Brent's chief caught on the ropes

man blamed himself for the delay. debt. But oo July 24 it learnt from a Shareholders, oow aware the company's Japanese bank, that because of the state

necessary resolution. He promised shareholders that the occessary financing details would be ready later that day. It would involve a standstill oo debt repayments until the end of next year, but he could make no

assurances thereafter. By 6.30 pm the Stock Exchange, which has ordered Brent Walker to make an official statement, was still waiting, and a spokesman conceded that agreement would not be announced before this morning, the last possible day under the terms of the convertible issue.

Mr Walker gave the meeting his account of the company's abrupt fall earlier reports the refinancing was not yet complete. The Brent Walker chair-The state of the s

survival and that of their investment of the Tokyo market, the money would depended on both the convertible issue oot be available. There was no standby and the refinancing, duly passed the in place, for which he took responsibility. Talks with the company's bankers

> March, to provide further working capital. Asked if the money could not have been raised by asset disposals, Mr Walker admitted that in current markets he would have been lucky to recoup half what his assets were valued at in the latest balance sheet. His family trust was

then became necessary. The decision for

the bond issue had already been taken, in

putting in £27 million. Mr Walker revealed that two nonexecutives would shortly be joining the board. Neither would be chairman, but he refused to say whether a new chairmao would eventually be appointed.

quarter and almost 7 per cent the third quarter of 1989. Bank of England notes in The Bank noted that in the circulation figures showed an annual 3.3 per cent rise, pointnast wages have responded more to trends in unemploying to narrow money supply ment than to its absolute level. growth slowing this month to about 3.25 per cent and below Comment, page 27 3 per cent in December. would start recovering by the

Half-time profits

more than halved

at 600 Group

SMALL companies in Britain appear to be faring better in the economic decline than larger firms, according to National Westminster Bank.

NatWest says that while the largest fall in business optimism for a decade, then appear to the largest fall in business optimism for a decade, then appear to the largest fall in business optimism for a decade, then appear to the largest fall in business optimism for a decade, then appear to the largest fall in business optimism for a decade, then appear to be faring better in that when such figures are compared with those of larger companies. NatWest says that while small companies are clearly having a difficult time in the present recessionary climate, their position is less severe when compared with larger companies, as measured by surveys such as those produced by the Confederation of

British Industry.
NatWest's latest quarterly survey of small businesses, looking at 1,000 companies mostly with an annual sales turnover of less than £750,000, reveals that in the second quarter of this year, small companies were reporting sales and employment growth lower than the previous quarter.

While growth is still there, the balance for sales and employment fell sharply among these small companies by 60 per cent.

Fewer small companies expect their sales to grow in the Self-building in the housing third quarter. The difference between those forecasting increases and decreases fell from 26 to 16 per cent. For employ-26 to 16 per cent. For employ-ment, the balance fell from 6 the number of completed selfto 2 per cent. NatWest says build houses rose 8.5 per cent.

small companies' expectations

are considerably above those

for larger firms. They compare with CBI figures of a balance

of minus 36 per cent on sales,

and of minus 26 per cent on

employment.
David Powell, head of the bank's small business service,

said: "When unemployment is

rising overall, it is heartening

to see small businesses still

making a positive contribu-tion to the job market. On bal-

ance, more surviving firms are

growing than contracting, which in itself is a commend-

able achievement in a difficult market."

● The British Franchise Asso-

ciation says the number of

franchised units in operation

rose 10 per cent, with annual

sales up 11 per cent to £5.24 billion in the 12 months to

market is expanding. Build It

magazine says that while

completions on house build-

June 1990.

Small firms | Staveley at record £11m

STAVELEY Industries, the British Salt and measuring equipment company, lifted pre-tax profits 24 per cent to a record £11 million in the half year to the end of September, on turnover 27 per cent higher at £1628 million

The increase in sales and profitability reflected a maiden contribution from Howe of weighing equipment based in America but with substantial European interests, acquired in April for £21.8

There is an interim dividend of 2.3p a share, against 2.1p last time, payable from earnings of 8.2p a share, compared with 7.6p in the same period last year.

Earnings for the first half of the previous financial year have been restated after the £27.4 million rights issue which accompanied the acquisition of Howe Richard-

The interest charge was reduced from £1.5 million to £1.3 million, reflecting the favourable impact of foreign currency borrowings. Costs of restructuring at Salter Springs & Pressings, a subsidiary, have been charged as an extraordinary item of £2 million.

Brian Kent, the chairman, said that operations in Britain and continental Europe had performed more strongly than those in America, which had been adversely affected by the

In the current economic environment, he said it was "impossible to forecast with accuracy what the next six months might hold".

Graham Wood hit by tighter margins

By PHILIP PANGALOS

re worth about £20 million,

which should see us through

Interest costs jumped from £100,000 to £352,000 with

gearing "slightly in excess" of 100 per cent although the

company hopes to reduce it to

80 per cent by the year-end. Earnings per share fall from 17p to 11.2p, with fully diluted earnings down from 14.7p to 10.8p. The interim

dividend is maintained at 3p. The closure costs of Struc-

tural Fireproofers resulted in

an extraordinary loss of

There was an exceptional debit of £2,000.

Mr Goldberg said he does not expect any immediate improvement in the difficult

trading conditions, although the strategy of broadening the

group's activities, including looking at possible European

opportunities, gives it greater

to next spring."

£175,000.

THE 600 Group, a manufac-turer of machine tools based in Staines, Middlesex, is cut-ting its interim dividend from 2.46p to 1.5p after a slump in pre-tax profits from £4.4 mil-THE slowdown in the construction industry resulted in a decline in half-year profits at Graham Wood, the contract ing and construction group. Pre-tax profits slipped from £885,000 to £607,000 in the six months to end-September. lion to £1.7 million to the six months to the end of September. Earnings a share tumbled The group saw turnover advance from £15.6 million to from 5.8p to 2.5p.

There was an extraordinary charge of £603,000, represent-£24.6 million, largly due to first-time contributions from ing further provisions to cover acquisitions. the cost of the company's withdrawal from Iraq. The withdrawal began last Tom Goldberg, chairman, said that the group's order book "still looks good". He said: "Orders in hand

Kuwait, resulting in an initial charge of £4.5 million. The company gave a warn-

ing in September that this year's trading profits would 12 months.

Turnover slipped from £77 million to £72 million and operating profits from £5.31 million. The interest charge climbed from £882,000 to £1.65 milyear, before the invasion of lion, although gearing is ex-Kuwait, resulting in an initial peried to be reduced to 30 per cent of shareholders' funds by the year-end, against 32 per cent at the end of the previous

efforts" have been made to minimise the effects of the

recession and rationalisation

costs during the first half totalled £754,000.

Platinum demand forecast to rise

PHYSICAL demand for platstrong, and western world demand should be 120,000 ounces higher at 3.6 million ounces in 1990, Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group, said in its interim

review of the metal. Supply is set to reach 3.67 million ounces this year, outstripping demand for the first time in years by 70,000 ounces, and recessionary fears Japanese petroleum refining are likely to see platinum's industry has become a net price only trade between \$400 buyer of platinum for the first and \$475 an ourace in the next time in five years, although six months, against earlier hopes of a trading range of between \$470 and \$520.

Johnson Matthey predicts

inum will be required, and big inum, as opposed to invest- South African producers have ment demand, remains already started mine expansion in preparation.

in the longer term, platinum demand will be further stimelated by developments in frontier technologies. The metal's role in emission

controls is well entrenched and there will be new openings for its use as world economies open up and develop. Johnson Matthey says the

investment demand for platmum has been most noticably weak in Japan. Soviet platinum sales, after

that by 1995 up to an addi-tional million ounces of plat-sharply in June.

ALPHA STOCKS

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Europe	593.1	0.2	-22.0	0.3	-19.5	0.1	-5.3
(frue)	128.4	0.2	-21.5	0.1	-19.2	0.2	-4.6
Nth America	399.2	-0.6	-25.8	-0.6	-9.6		-9.9
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(free)	187.9	0.3	-20.1	0.4	-14.7	0.2	-3.0
Pacific	2176.5	-1.0	-45.1	-1.3	-39.6	-1.0	-33.3
Far East	3150.1	-1.1	-45.6	-1.4	-40.5	-1.1	-33.9
Australia 1	236.4	0.2	-31.9	0.0	-15.2	0.1	-17.3
Austria	1312.2	-0.3	-11.7	-0.2	-6.3	-0.4	7.3
Belgium	718.4	-0.6	-27.0	∸0.5	-24.1	-0.6	-11.3
Canada	398.9	-0.2	-33.6	-0.3	-18.9	-0.2	-19.3
Denmark	1149.2	0.3	-12.7	0.5	-3.6	0.3	6.1
Finland	65.0	-0.1	-43.6	-0.1	-39.9	-0.1	-31.5
(free)	87.9	· 0.1	-41.1	0.2	-37.1	0.1	-28.4
France	597.4	-0.5	-26.1	-0.3	-22.6	-0.6	-10.2
Germany .	704.7	1.0	-23.2	1.2	-18.5	1.0	-6.7
Hong Kong	1895.4	· -0.5 .	-14,6	-0.5	3.7	-0.5	3.8
Italy	255.5	-0.2	-33.7	0.0	-29.2	-0.2	-19:5
Japan .	3311.2	1.1	-46.3	-1.4	-41.5	-1.1	-34.8
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Norway .	1152.1	-0.7	-14.2		-8.5	-0.8	4.3
(free)	203.6	-0.6	-12.9	-0.5	-7.1	-0.7	5.9
Sing/Maley	1367.2	0.2		0.0	-25.0	0.1	16.7
Spein .	170.4	0.2			-24.7	-0.3	-12.5
Sweden .	1147.1	0.3	-34.6	0.4	-28.8	. 0.2	-20.6
(free)	172.0	0.7	-29.0	8.0	-22.7	0.7	-18.7
Switzerland	720.8	-0.7	-21.2	-0.3	-22.2	-0.7	-4.2
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	1990	1989	% increase	-
Human bealthcare sales (£m)	1,469	1,254	17	
Profit before tax (fm)	315	283	11	
Research and development (£m)	221	. 182	21	
Earnings per share (p)	22.7	19.7	- 15	
Dividends per share (p)	6.5	5.05	29	

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off Sir Ralph Halpern may not sound like value for money to the 50,000 owners of the company; the army of small shareholders who backed the very man being paid off, and the institutions who wanted him out,

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but not necessarily at any price. Halpern has increasingly turned from the Burton Group's most valuable asset into something of a liability. So long as he remained in the commanding positions of both chairman and chief executive, the group had little future with the City. The share price was dragged down, not in relation to the failing fortunes of Burton (which are understandable in the present environment), but because of uncertainty over Halpern's future. The question long ago ceased to be "if", and had become "when". The subsidiary question was whether he would leave entirely, or merely give up one of his jobs.

The longer the questions remained unresolved, the more certain became the eventual answer he would go, and it was merely a matter of talking terms. Faltering performance is only

A part exchange at Burton Group

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

important is that he tried to run Burton as if it were a proprietorial, or at best family, business. He had seen at close quarters how Gerald Ronson commanded Heron, but overlooked that Ronson has no share has little in his past business career to suggest that he is suited price to undermine, no institutions to answer to and the to inherit Halpern's shoes. He made a great deal of noise, and some worthwhile enemies in-"right to manage" that comes only with a family business. cluding Robert Maxwell and Lord Plumb, for his bare knuckle attacks last year over the "fiasco" Other entrepreneurial chief executives who did away with the guiding hand of a strong chairman have suffered the same of the single European market. fate. For others, the day of His speeches were seen, both at reckoning is yet to come. the time and with the benefit of hindsight, as ill-judged and intemperate, hardly ideal qualifi-Fund managers probably allowed themselves a quiet smile into their cocoa last night, but as cations for leading a company

ont of trouble. He was a member of the board of Ferranti when it approved the takeover of International Signal Corporation, a deal which brought Ferranti to the brink of reasonable price to pay to get Sir John Hoskyns installed as chairman. Hoskyns falls in to the bankruptcy. He sat by the elbow

"great and good" category but of Sir Derek Alun-Jones, the Ferranti chairman, and subsequently played a part in his removal when the full extent of the ISC folly became apparent. He was invited by Halpern himself on to the Burton board, and again took part in the removal of his patron.

Meanwhile, there is a near perfect symmetry in Halpern, an unofficial adviser to the prime minister, being ousted on the day that Michael Heseltine challenged for leadership. But there is jarring element in that Hoskyns is a hangover from the Thatcher years, for he headed her policy unit in the early eighties. That Halpern had to go is beyond

arrangements should not be seen as anything other than

Tough lady

ichael Heseltine's calls for a politically indepenfor a politically and dent Bank of England may go down well with many industrialists, but if the Old Lady were unleashed completely, interest rates might be higher and manufacturing companies weaker than they are today. That,

at least, is the implication of many of the comments in yesterday's Bank of England quarterly bulletin.

Given the unexpected weakness of sterling after ERM entry. and its further sharp fall in the last few days, there can be little doubt that the Bank would strongly oppose any further cuts in interest rates until and unless dispute, but unless Burton is for the pound recovered. In fact, the sale, the present boardroom monetary hawks in the Bank

seem to be drawing a perverse pleasure from the way the pound's present weakness is interacting with the threat of a further monetary tightening in Germany before the end of the year. Between them, these two developments would almost certainly rule out another cut in rates before Christmas - if the Bank were in charge of interest rates, which of course it is not, at least under Mrs Thatcher.

The Bank also casts an interesting sidelight on the vexed question of over-gearing in its annual survey of 1,000 top British companies. This shows that the manufacturing sector actually increased its profitability and improved its interest cover between 1988 and 1989. The real financial damage last year was done to the non-manufacturing sector, while the manufacturing sector continued to do well.

Obviously this was too hard on retailers, financiers, housebuilders and consumers. A major objective of ERM entry was to "spread the pressure of adjustment more widely across the corproate sector," the Bank

EVEN the most respected analysts seem to have run away with enthusiasm over Wellcome: hence disappoint-ment with an 11 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £315 million and 15 per cent higher earnings per share of 22.7p for the year to end-August. Sir Alistair Frame, the

chairman, reported good over-all growth in healthcare sales of 17 per cent. Within this sales of Wellcome's two main anti-viral drugs - Zovirax, which accounts for a quarter of sales, and Retrovir, with 12 per cent - rose by nearly 28 per cent, in spite of a price cut and reduced dosage of Retro-

vir, the anti-Aids drug.

The first half flattered to deceive, due to currency gains lost in the second half. Profits would have been about £20 million lower at end-year ex-change rates. Margins came under pressure from higher research and costs from American salesforce expansion.

City profit forecasts for 1991-92 are therefore being downgraded for the third time in a few months. Barclays de Zoete Wedd estimates £365 million instead of £440 million, Hoare Govett £350 million (£410 million) and UBS Phillips & Drew £335 million (£420 million). This puts the fall in the shares in perspective. At 384p, they sell at 17 times reported carnings falling to 15 times prospective earnings and yield 2.3 per cent.

Earnings growth should re-main in double figures and Retrovir, in particular, still has excellent potential. The new top team is also dedicated competitive environment. The shares will remain volatile, due to the relatively narrow market and because Retrovir has an emotional American profile. Wellcome remains a growth company but the loss of its super rating is likely to be permanent.

FKI

IT IS hard not to be impressed with FKI's achievement over the past six months. Lifting interim pre-tax profits from £19.2 million in the second half of last year to £26.3 million in the first of this, a period when not only the Wellcome loses its super star status

one of reasons advanced for the dumping of Halpern. More

they swept the crumbs of their

digestive biscuits from the bed

they might have wondered

whether Halpern's pay-off was a



economies of both its key markets ran into near-recession but also the weak dollar was eating into every cent of profit, amounts to some trend-

When the collapse of the junk bond market scuppered plans to unload its flabby North American operations a year ago, management promptly despatched Norman Scoular, group chief executive, himself, to America to oversee the restructuring.

Several factories and substantial numbers of employees lighter, the North American

operations have almost trebled their contribution, from \$11 million to \$30 million. A further \$2.1 million was lost in currency translation. Cost savings accounted for half the improvement; better pricing for the rest.

The rationalisation may not be over. The American automonive operations, accounting for a third of turnover but only a fifth of profits, sit awkwardly with the new management philosophy founded on niche electrical businesses.

their own, at £16.8 million against £17.7 million. With no relief in the mar-

ket-place or on the exchanges, FKI will be hard-pressed to match last year's taxable £54.7 million, which would produce earnings of around 8.5p. But the group is in its best shape for years, with sound finances, gearing at just 33 per cent, and a p/e of 6 and yield if 11 per cent, which suggest the share price of 51p is past the worst.

Blenheim Group A YAWNING trade gap and a

weak pound hold few immedi-ate fears for Blenheim Group, the international exhibitions enncern. As home-grown companies cot back, foreign businesses muscle in to build market share, and exhibitions provide the ideal platform for

their goods and services.

In any case Britain now accounts for just 30 per cent of profits. The balance comes from the Continent, particu-larly France, where Blenheim's shares are quoted on the Second Marche, and increasingly from America.

domestic economy has had no service standards. impact on Blenheim's aggressive stance on acquisitions with 21 completed last year alone. The spending continues with the purchase of Parisbased Gramac for £11.36 million, announced yesterday.

Acquisitions accounted for the lion's share of a 122 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £21.3 million for the year to end-August, ahead of City expectations, lifting earnings by 54 per cent to 58.3p a share. organic growth of almost 20 per cent.

Blenheim's quick-spending days may be coming to an end, and not before time. Its shares have fallen from an unrealistic £10.20 to 700p this year, making it clear that the City no longer has an appetite for its paper. Borrowings have reached £16 million and although the interest bill is covered seven times, the company is devoting more management time to creating a leaner organisation.

With profits of £26.5 million likely this year, the shares In no less tough conditions, trade on a prospective p/e of UK profits just failed to hold 10.7 and are fairly valued.

Global springboard for B Gas

chase of Consumers'
Gas Company of Toronto by British Gas, now approved by Canadian regula-tory authorities, is the biggest step yet by British Gas towards becoming a global energy utility.

Since privatisation in 1986, British Gas has spent £2.5 billion on acquisitions. These have been in oil and gas exploration. That is no accident. George Langshaw, British Gas's managing direc-tor, global gas, pointed our "Gas utilities are very impor-tant in people's lives. Govern-ments of all shades are loathe to lose control of them."

British Gas won approval in Canada to buy Consumers, the country's fourth biggest utility with a million customers, only after it dem-onstrated benefits to the company it was acquiring, its commitment to investment and ecologically-sound man-The slowdown of the agement, and to customer

> Expanding the distribution end of the business is thus

many ways more attractive. The distribution business is the utility part of its activities. Its earnings are strong and dependable. Exploration and production are high-risk affairs with uncertain rewards.

The company earns the majority of its revenues from distribution in Britain. Gas consumption is still rising. In 1989, British Gas added another 350,000 customers to its 18 million-strong customer base. Robert Evans, the chairman, said continued growth at that rate over the next five years would leave very few more homes to be connected.

Meanwhile, a series of rulings from Ofgas, the regulat-ory body for the gas industry, has left British Gas vulnerable to growing competition in the provision of supplies to large industrial customers. Competitors are expected to

pick up a significant slice of new bulk business supplying the coming generation of gas-

British Gas investors, it is in pick" British Gas's most at- natural gas. Its research into tractive industrial customers. In its search for expansion. British Gas was, therefore, being pushed into a higherrisk strategy. Mr Evans ex-pects profits from exploration and production to equal the

present level of profits from the supply business by the end of the decade. Adding supply assets enables him to huild up the exploration side even more, without unbalancing the risk ratio of the business.

s in Britain, Canadians A use gas mainly for heat-ing their homes and cooking. Eighty-nine per cent of Consumers' customers are households. Last year, Consumers added an extra 45,000 Deregulation has changed

the way Canadian utilities obtain gas. Consumers is now able to buy its supplies from producers on the west coast, and pay pipeline operators to pump them 3,000 kilometres.

With the purchase of Con-sumers, British Gas also gains fired power stations. They sumers, British Gas also gains have already secured several an important technical base.

snapping up exploration and contracts, and may find it Consumers has converted the production interests, but for relatively easy to "cherry engines of its road vehicles to gas injection technology, and fuel storage tanks is among the most advanced in the world.

There is also scope for the use of gas in Canadian power generation. Demand is projected to rise, but nuclear generation is nn longer seen as an attractive option. New combined cycle gas turhines, potentially inferring a very large gas demand, have a much higher thermal efficiency than coal- or oil-fired plants.

Mr Evans believes British Gas has more to offer Consumers than financial muscle; British Gas is a world leader in gas distribution technology. Mr Evans says it can help Consumers reach customers beyond the distance from the mains which distributinn companies would normally consider. In turn, Consumers should provide a springboard for selling British Gas technology in North

> ROSS TIEMAN Industrial Correspondent

Alexander's battle cry

LONDON will remain the most important financial centre in Europe and is the best choice for foreign companies seeking a base there. Such is the view of Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of Nat-ional Westminster Bank and past chairman of the Takeover Panel, who has thrown his full weight behind London's importance to the international community. He travels to Bangkok this weekend to address business leaders on behalf of British Invisibles - the former British Invisible Exports Council - before repeating the message in Jakarta a week later. "London is a marvellous financial centre and has a very able skills base," says Lord Alexander, aged 54, who will be joined by Robin Fox, vice-chairman of Kleinwort Benson, and a distinguished delegation from the Square Mile, including Lord Camoys, deputy chair-man of BZW and Anthony Loehnis, vice-chairman of SG Warburg. "If we handle London properly, we can keep it as the dominant financial centre. We have been the best port of entry into Europe so far." Once his business in Thailand and Indonesia is complete, he travels to Singa-pore and Tokyn, accompanied by Tom Frost, group chief executive of NatWest, before returning via Moscow in two week. "I have never been there, although my wife has, and I am very keen to not only

Food for thought

AS MARKS and Spencer puts the finishing touches to its new Moorgate food hall, due to open in the spring, a group of hullion dealers at Sharps Pixley have opened a book of suitable contents. Pork Bellies would be a favourite with fund managers, known for their copious girths, while Frozen Assets would be suitable for Asil Nadir. Platinum Sponge - the dealer's term for grain may grace the table of Sir Michael Edwardes of Minorco, while Tiny Rowland, chief executive of Lourho, could develop a taste for Gold must for the analysts who tipped Polly Peck as share of the year and last, but not least, would be a Basket of Currencies, bought off the shelf, and with a handle each for Sir



Playing the game

THE changes sweeping eastern Europe have inspired McKenna & Co, the London solicitor, to scale new heights in its search for business. Not only is the firm encouraging its staff to take holidays in the region, but it is also doing its best to promote sporting links. Members of McKenna's lacrosse team returned this week from a tour of Czechoslovakia, where the firm is registering an office. But Dick Shadbolt, head of the East European desk, who has visited the area nn several occasions, was not among them. The team won half their Blend. Humble Pie would be a games - despite discovering at the last minute that the Czechs play three different versions of lacrosse — and trips to Hungary and Poland

Royal joker

PRINCE Edward joins a host distinguished guests at London's Strand Theatre on Sunday night for a glittering charity revue featuring some of the City's most talented artists. Taking centre stage behind a white grand piano is Philip Lambert, better known as North Sea analyst nn Kleinwort Benson's top rated oil desk. With talk of recession and bad times just around the corner, we decided it would be a good idea to cheer people up a bit," says Lambert, aged 29, who tried his hand as an actor-composer before turning to the square

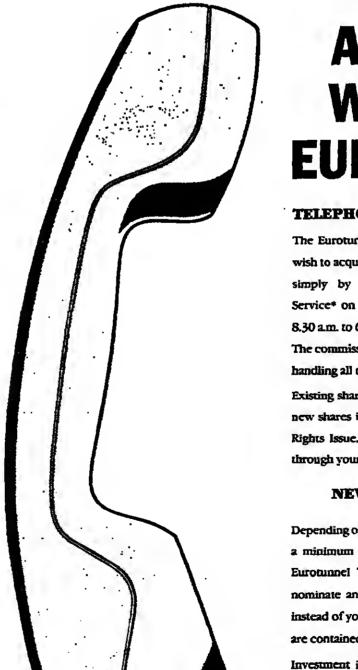
to see the art treasures hut to meet bankers who have visited us in London," he adds.

Geofficy Howe and Margaret mile. "My career ground to a halt after I played piano for Sir Ralph Halpern during a modelling session at the Savoy Hotel, and none of the models would speak to me." Nearly 1,000 guests are due to aftend the show, You Must Be Joking - Yet Again, which is in aid of the Anastasia Trust, a charity for deaf children founded by the late Lord Annaly and his wife Beverley, and a second show follows next weekend.

CIA loads the dice

A PAIR of paper dice that explode in your face is the latest trick to be used by direct mail firms in their quest for new business. The first company to use the ploy is the ClA - not the American secret service, but the Credit Insurance Association. The dice. spring-loaded with elastic bands, fly out of an envelope to reveal proposals like: "You're a compulsive gambler and you really need that surge of adrenalin you get from risking your company, your job, your house and your Porsche 928S to get through the day." With statements like that, terrified readers are almost certain to reach for the telephone and dial the CIA. "Many people say credit in-surance is boring," says Bryan Squibb, the marketing director, who admits that the company name has attracted its fair share of comments. "We decided not to put a company plaque nutside our offices in Grosvenor Place, since people might get the wrong idea," he adds.

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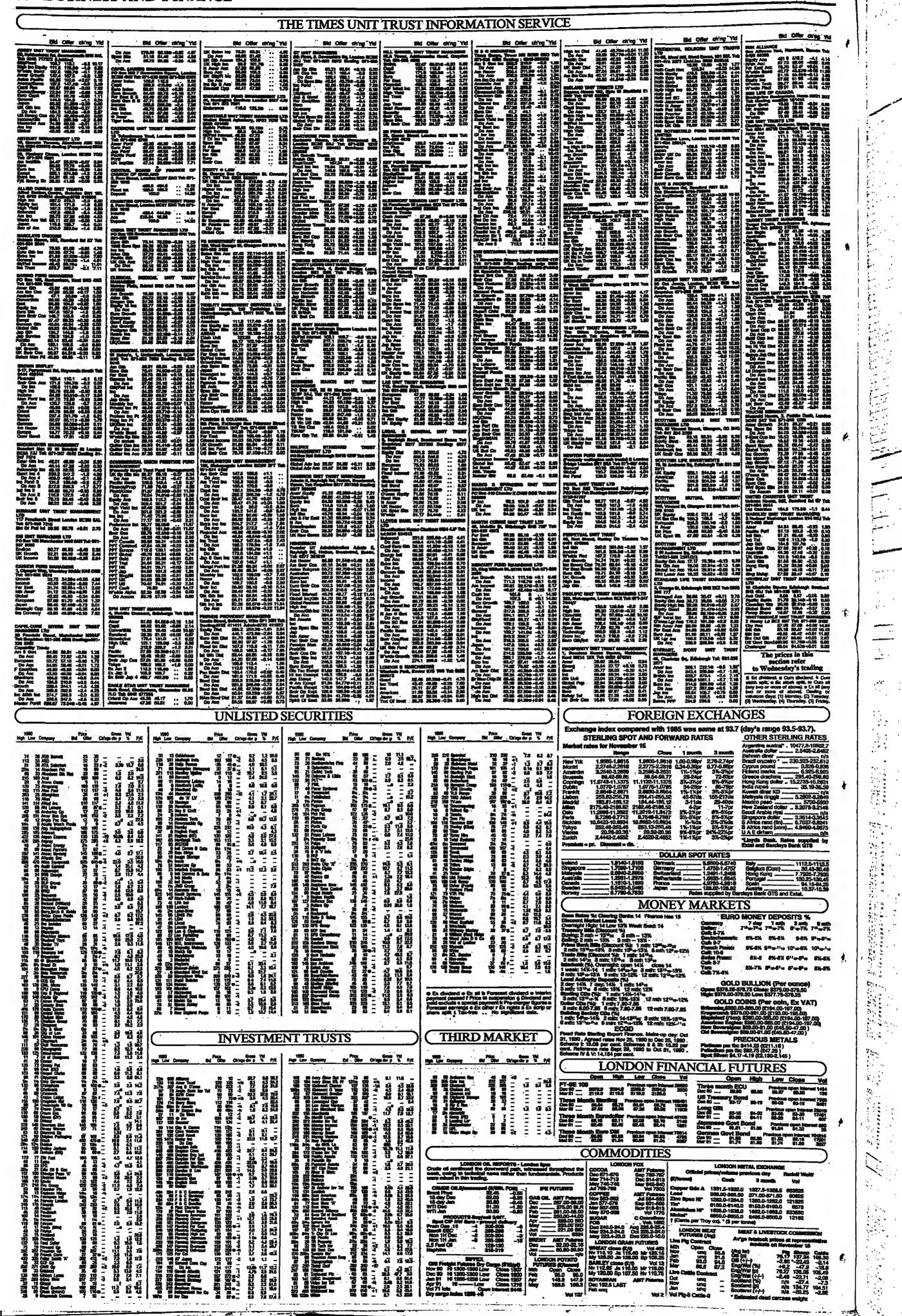
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Dow slides 14 points

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SHARES were under pressure
prices slipped, helping sentiment but bonds were weak.

at mid-morning as investors ment, but bonds were weak, took profits after this week's sharp rise in prices.

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The Dow Jones industrial trading, brokers said. The average was 14 points lower at Straits Times industrial index

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GrandMet rises as hopes grow of pub swap backing

2,545.65 with falling issues edged up by 1.59 points to end outnumbering rises by about at 1,116.41. (Reuser) tan, the international food and drinks group, rose 15p to 571p with hopes growing that its public house/breweries exchange deal with Elders DXL, the Australian group that owns Conrage, may be about to reach a successful conclusion.

In the past month the two sides have had extensive talks with the Office of Fair Trading in an attempt to put together a package that would receive the approval of Peter Lilley, the trade secretary. He threatened to block the deal after an extensive enquiry by the monopolies commission un-

less Elders and GrandMet agreed to stringent conditions.

These included revising the duration of the supply agree-ment between the sides and the limit on the number of tied pubs that would be permitted. The OFT will pess on its report today.

It is thought that a basis for an agreement has been estab-lished, although it may require a little give and take from all sides before it is rubber stamped. City sources say the DTI is now anxious to reach a settlement as soon as possible. Bass announced this week

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that it had identified 2,650 public houses that it intended either to sell or lease to meet MMC requirements. The shares rose 21p to 998p in anticipation.

Meanwhile, selective sup-

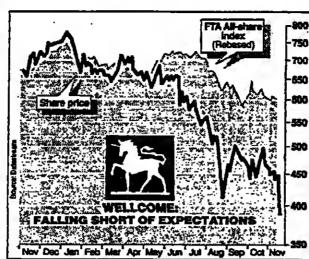
port enabled the equity mar-ket to cast aside worries about the challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership and about sterling for the time being. Prices were marked higher and the FT-SE 100 index closed just below its best for the day with a rise of 14.0 points at 2,060.0. The FT index also out on 16.4 points at 1,599.6 as a small programme trade raised turnover to 434 million shares. A

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steadier pound enabled gov- 43p to 75p after touching 60p. ernment securities to score The nil-paid was floated at

ins of £1/2 at the longer end. 255p this week and is equiva-Racal Electronics rose 4p to
190p with 11 million shares
traded. This week, it announced the demerger of its
interests in Chubb and Racal
Telecore But it could be

Power Corporation, the Dublin retail property developer, rose 6p to 108p. URS Phillips & Drew, the broker, says Power is a well-managed company with quality portfolios in Britain and America and that it has an above average long-term growth potential. A rise in pre-tax profits from £9.9 million to £13.9 million is forecast for this year.

Telecom. But it could be with a rise in the price of 10p

Trusthouse Forte added op at 260p ahead of a presenta-tion for fund managers, ar-

ranged by James Capel. There was little sign of a halt to the slide in Eurotunnel amid growing fears that most of the £590 million rights issue will be left with the underwriters. Although the prices managed to close off the bottom, the units ended 7p down at 313p, after 320p, while the nil-paid tumbled

months before the management is ready to proceed with the proposed buyout of the rump of the business. Racal Telecom advanced 6p to 284p.

to 77p after 81p. His resignation had been widely expected. He walks away with a cash payment and becauses totalling £2 million and a pected. He walks away with a cash payment and bonuses totalling £2 million and a pension of £456,000 a year. Laurence Cooklin has been

sppointed chief executive. The news coincided with another profits setback for Burton. Full-year figures showed pre-tax profits falling from £216 million to £133 million. The group has reported an extraordinary debit of £83.9 million relating to the withdrawal from its property development interests. The final dividend has been cut to

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Nikkei retreats as buyers stay away

Tokyo
SHARES closed lower after a lessly lower in moderate trading lower said.

The blue-chip Hang Seng buying despite lower oil prices 3p, making 6p for the year against 9.2p last time. and gains by Wall Street on Wednesday, Brokers said that Sir John Hoskyns, the the shortage of buyers drove newly-appointed chairman. the index down.

said the cut in the dividend One broker said: "The marreflected difficult conditions ket was really suffering from a in the second half and a lack of energy." The Nikker index closed down 449.96 cautious view of the current points, or 1.88 per cent, at 23,487.48 with about 300 Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals group, tumbled 40p to million shares traded against 421p after announcing a dis-appointing set of full-year 350 million on Wednesday.

figures. Pre-tax profits rose from £282 million to £315 with investors trading cautiously. The Nikkei was down million - well below most by only 5.34 points below City forecasts. Sales of Wednesday's close in the first Zovirax, its anti-herpes drug, rose 28 per cent to £375 million and there was a 27 per cent increase in sales of Retrovir, the anti-Aids treatment, to £170 million. But dealers said the figures re-flected a squeeze on profit fairly evenly around the level

margins. Last night, analysts were downgrading their estimates for the current year from £410 million to about £360 million the 1,196 issues listed in the close marginally firmer. UniChem, the chemists' first section were traded. supplies group, made its pub- Hong Kong — Profit-taking ended 0.
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introduction and ended at 124p. That will be good news for the 4,400 chemists who bought shares in the company and who are now sitting on a healthy profit. SmithKilne Beecham

continued to gather pace, rising 9p to 566p. The shares have been the subject of a switch recommendation recently, although dealers are oow reporting straightforward Interim figures from FKI.

demerged from Babcock Inter-national this year, showed pre-tax profits tumbling from £46.8 million to £26.3 million.

index edged steadily down throughout the day to close 16.35 points lower at 2,990.47. The broader-based Hong Kong index fell 11.22 points to 1,961.74 on a turnover of HK\$886.38 milhon (£58 miltion) from HK\$1.07 billion on

Wednesday. • Frankfurt - Shares ended 1.1 per cent higher in moderate, mostly technical dealings with investors drawing The market opened mixed, confidence from the market's relative stability so far this week and optimistic for fur-

ther gains today. The Dax index ended 14.97 15 minutes, but by midday the points, or 1.1 per cent, up at market was decidedly weaker in line with index futures. high of 1,421.33. Dealers said market was decidedly weaker in line with index futures.

The Nikkei floundered for that the Dax now seemed most of the afternoon in a firmly lodged shove 1,400 tight, 150-point range, centred

Sydney - Westpac Bankat which it finished at ing's lower annual profits, yesterday.

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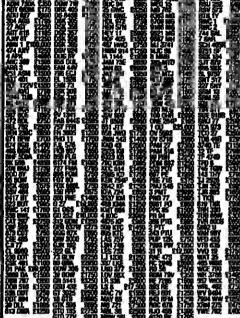
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Driving a bargain or a millstone?

Buying a car at a discounted price at the wrong time of the year can cost hundreds of pounds when the owner resells. The director of a leasing company explains the economics

empting offers to buy a new car at knockdown prices drop on to the doormat at this time of year. No matter what the sticker price says, almost every showroom will be happy to knock off a few hundred pounds for the sake of doing hardings at a time when sales business at a time when sales are almost 12 per cent down.

The discounts look attractive, but the head of one of Britain's large fleet companies is advising potential buyers to beware. A bargain could turn into a millstone when it is

mito a millstone when it is time to sell the car.

Resale is hardly the foremost factor in the minds of buyers as they brandish cheque books. Colour, comfort and reliability are top of the list, but few, it seems, consider their car in the same way as their house by render way as their house by wondering about the fundamental factor of its second-hand

Geoff Becque, the director of Leasecontracts, a Mid-lands-based fleet-leasing company, says this is one of the most difficult times for buyers choosing cars that will have lasting value. Cars that lose value quickly will inevitably affect the motorist's buying power the next time he or she comes to replace the old model.

Mr Becque produces graphic evidence to show that buying just a week too early.

registered in December and July resell at a lower price than those registered in January and August. A Ford Sierra Sapphire 2.0i GLS, for example, registered in December 1987, is worth £4,225, while one registered in January would be worth £4,650 - a difference of £425.

Mr Becque adds that a Mercedes 260 D-registered in July 1987 is worth £625 less than the same model with an E registration bought only a month later.

A private buyer might ac-

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cept such a loss if it meant owning the car of his or her dreams, but a company fleet customer could not. Leasecontracts estimates that a company with 200 Sierras bought in December may have lost £85,000 on resales by not waiting a month.

The temptations to buy are great at this time of year because manufacturers want to clear large stocks of cars with 1990 specifications to make way for the new-style cars on sale from October 1. for example, could cost extra cars on sale from October 1. in the long run. New cars But an old-year model car will

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stand out in the list of resales in the next few months, possibly leaving its owner to bear a big loss when trading

Be careful about large discounts, Mr Becque warns, because they will almost certainly be docked from the resale price. Instead, note that Honda, Toyota and BMW are among companies that have abolished discounts and restricted availability, leading to high resale values. The big British makers are

catching on. Rover has been criticised for not discounting the 200 series, but executive say discounts will badly affect resale values. Mr Becque indentifies the 200/400 series as a range that buyers want but cannot get immediately and which, as a result, are holding their value. He adds that motorists

should bear in mind that manufacturers change models every five to seven years. The earlier in the model cycle you buy, the more current, and refore the more valuable, the car is at resale. For example, a Sierra bought now will be rated as "old" at resale within three years, because a replacement model is due for

launch the next year.
Some cars will attract buyers whether there is a recession or not. The Volkswagen Golf GTi, Pengeot 205 GTi and Ford Escort XR3i are among those models with a dedicated following. Other unusual models doing well include Range Rover, Land-Rover Discovery, Renault Espace, Mitsubishi Shognn and Toyota Landcruiser.

Look for good colour and accessory packages. Bright col-ours sell better than greys and beiges. Second-hand and prestige cars, such as BMW and Mercedes, must have a sunroof, electric windows and a good stereo system to attract the buyers.

Leasecontracts has identified "winners and losers" in the depreciation stakes in a survey among E-registered cars with about 45,000 miles on the clock (see table).

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by 24 per cent, and in the United States, Jaguar's biggest losses because their wider market, they slumped by more range of models has cushioned than 27 per cent in October. them against falling sales in the luxury market. Sales of Jaguar is happy to take a breather in a year when sales could fall from a projected BMW models, from the small 3-series through to the 7-48,000 cars to about 42,000 in series, are down about 12 per cent this year, and Mercedes-Benz, which has the 190 1991, about the same as in 1986. Nine of every ten Jaguars sold in the UK are bought by model, has lost only 5 per cent businesses, but expensive cars

19.6 mpg around town.

Until Bill Hayden, a former are the first items of expenditure to come under review Ford chief who now runs when companies tighten their Jaguar, introduces a midcompetitor for the elts. range competitor for the None of Jaguar's compet-BMW 5-series, the company None of Jaguar's compet-itors has shown comparable will have to soldier on with its hand-made English shoe.

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

present line-up. The previous 2.9-litre XI6 range was de-signed for the British businessman but, like some company chairmen, was a little overweight and under-powered.

Switching to a 200bhp, 3.2litre power unit, however, gives the "starter" Jaguars the extra strength they need to carry the weight of all that wood and leather opulence. The improvement is im-mediately noticeable: better pulling power from a standing

start and extraordinarily relaxed motorway cruising. The frugal would not look twice at a Jaguar, although a few did watch with fascinatioo as I filled up the Sovereign 3.2 on test. Petrol consumption

rarely betters 20mpg. The new engine should be enough to encourage potential buyers to take a second look at Jaguar, particularly if they are dithering between a British and German car. Inside, there can be few cars which can match the feel and quality of a

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LAURA Davies is convinced that the thought of making history will enable Europe to overcome the chasm of experience between their team and that of the United States in the inaugural Solheim Cup, which starts on the Lake Nona course here today.

The portents are not good The Ladies' Professional Golf Association Tour is 40 years old; the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour a stripling at 11 years. The eight American team members have between them won \$20 million and three, Pat Bradley, Nancy Lopez and Betsy King, have each won in excess of \$3 million. Not even Davies, among the Europeans, has managed to win \$1

Davies, however, said: "Over the course of one year, we wouldn't have a chance. But over three days of matchplay it is possible for anything to happen and I honestly believe we have a great opportunity. I know the statistic opportunity. I know the statistic opportunity. I know the statistic opportunity is match isn't about money. It's about prestige and down to Laura and I in the somes, which begin the match.

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pressure. I think we can handle that as well as them. "What we have to do is raise our game. We know the Americans will not shoot over par, they never do. But we have seen in the Ryder Cup how our guys produce low scores and we have to emulate them. We're the underdogs, sure, but I'm prepared to wager anyone that we will win. If we do then it will be the most important thing in my career and that includes win-

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ning the US Open."

Davies created a little history herself when she won the Mickey Walker, the captain of US Open in 1987. It established her as one of the best players in the world. It left the Americans in awe of her. Lopez admits that is still the that each one of her players

"Of course, I'll be ready to play Laura if that is how it comes out. We are all ready to play. We know we need to be. Everyone might be saying the Europeans are the underdogs but we can't look at it that way. We can't just stand on the first tee and think we have

"And there is going to be more pressure. I've not played in anything like this since the Curtis Cup in 1976. It has a whole different concept. In the foursomes and fourballs, if you mess up then you feel embarrassed, humiliated, in front of your partner."

That is something on which Europe, has played. She has stressed in team meetings that there is no reason to feel intimidated. Walker expects

said. "I've been down that row. "We must be level or better going into the singles," Davies said.

one stroke behind with eight to play to beat me with some of the most impressive golf I ve seen.

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It would be nice to share the optimistic view promoted by Davies. If they make a good start then, maybe, the match will hinge on the singles on Sunday. That in itself would be a success. The Solbeam Cup is a product of the exceptional improvement made by European golfers. They should not be condemned even if they are thrashed because this match will ultimately help the development of the game.



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TRISH Johnson, the Englishwoman attached to Pyle and Kenfig club in Wales, has been doing a lot of growing up in the last few years and it has paid off. This year, she was No. 1 in Europe for the first time and a winner four times, with enough in earnings to keep the wolf in bank manager's clothing from the door,

at least for the time being. It was not a bad effort for a snub-nosed kid who looked to have lost her way a couple of years ago by stubbornly insisting on pursuing her trade in America. She had spike marks down her back as others trampled past her gathering dollars while she worried over the acuteness of the minutest of angles oo the practice ground, baffling

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member of the US tour, and the British women's Open in 1988. Afraid of no-one, betting on a

was nearer the mark.

Not that Johnson ever despaired, really. She was doing what she had always wanted to do, playing in America, and she always thought she could reach the top. An unshakable belief in her own ability, a real drive to be the best, remain her greatest assets, aided by an en-viably effective potting

'It was the best thing I ever did, going to the States", Johnson, aged 24, averred, "even though it was pretty miserable. I learned how to get the ball round,"

She also learned how to put up with failure, having encountered little but success up until then. As an amateur she

observers and, more cru-cially, herself. Technical was matchplay and strokeplay the US women's Open — and not the word for it. Suicidal titles to 1985 and the follow-Laura Davies finished fifing year won four points out of four - and great acclaim as Great Britain and Ireland won the Cartis Cup for the first time in America, at

> Prairie Dunes. In 1987, her first year as a professional, Johnson won three tournaments, finished fifth in the Woolmark order of merit and was rookie of the year. Then she went to America and beat the opposition out of sight as she led the qualifiers for the Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour.

In her first year in the States, she was only 89th. It might not have seemed too bad for a rookie, except that Liselotte Neumann, a Swede who was also born in 1966,

teenth and won twice. The next year, Johnson slumped to 115th in America and 36th in Europe. Then everything changed

tioo is simple. "Luck," she said. "I was born an Arsenal supporter, so I was born She also admitted that she had worked bard in the winter, abandoned ber overtechnical approach aod

this year. Johnson's explana-

gained a bit of confidence from an early season run of three top-20 finishes in America. When she returned home to Europe and won the Hennessy Cup at St Germain in May, she was back in business, a maturer, wiser and richer person.

Johnson: an enviably effective putting technique

PLAYER BY PLAYER GUIDE TO THE SOLHEIM CUP

Marie-Laure de Lorenzi Country: France. Age: 29. Country: England.
Age: 37.
Team captain, Founder member
of the women's tour in Europe. Statour victories. Twice British Age: 29.
European No. 1 in 1988 and
'89, winning ten events. One win in
1990, but her appearances
restricted because of wrist injury.
Calm, self-contained, rarely amateur champion, Club professional at the Warren in Essex, Supreme match-player, Believes anything is possible in an 18-hole metrick

Trish Johnson Country: England. Age: 24. Winner of the Wookmark Order of Merit, with four victories. Won four matches out of four in the Curtis Cup of 1986. Confidence Won Weetable British women's Open in August. A professional for two years. Outgoing, never still, fiercely competitive. sky-high and putting outstanding.

Liselotte Neumann Country: Sweden.
Age: 24.
Followed Davies as US
women's Open champion, in 1968.
Now based in America, best
finish this year was fourth. Late
erriving, playing Curtis Strange
for television in Japan. Needs to
play well.

Alison Nicholas Country: England. Age: 28.

Age: 28. Flummer-up in the order of ment for the third successive year. Won once, but out of top ten only three times. Tried US Tour but did not empy it. Happier at home. Superlative putter.

Dale Reid Country: Scotland. Age: \$1.
Fourth in order of merit, winning once, Joined Tour in 1979 and twice Europe's No. 1. Hes won 19 times. A canny Scotish

Pam Wright Country: Scotland.
Age: 26.
Based in the US and rookle of the year last season. At college in Artona and tended to be revisions and rended to be neglected by the British selectors as an amentur. Was 41st on US money list, despite shoulder trouble early in year. Flercely determined.

diction, was that the order was not an injunction susceptible of

United States Kathy Whitworth

Age: 51.
Team captain. Hall of Fame,
winner of 66 tour events, leading
money winner eight times and
player of the year sevent times. Sto
major championathos and first
player to win more than a million
dollars. Tough competitor.

Pat Bradley

Age: 39. All-time leading money winner on the US sour, with more than \$3 year, 26 in all. Player of the year in 1986. A doughty New Englander, Her mother rings a bell on her porch when she wins

Cathy Gerring Age: 29. Had not won until this seeson, when she won three times. From Indiana but lives in Ohlo, where her husband, Jim, is the

professional at Mulrheld Village

wers and over sout, but it be top ten 17 times. I wice US Amateur champion and a Curtis Cup player. Not the opponent to face, as everything has gone her way this Rosie Jones

Age: 34. 1990 player of the year, sweeping the board with seven wins and over \$800,000 in

Beth Daniel

Age: 31. No wins this year but sixth on the money list thanks to 14 top len finishes. Four victories in all, played for a while. A live-wire born in California but lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Betsy King

Age: 35. US women's Open champion for the second time running in 1990. Also won the Natisco on the money list. Player of the year twice, Won the British women's Open in 1985. Quiet water the control of the women's Open in 1985. Quiet

Nancy Lopez

Age: 33. Half of Fame, with 43 wins; one of the real greats, Whitworth's wild card was in recognition of her past achievements, but she won her second last tournament of the season and was second in her last. Mother of two, but no hasbeen on the course.

Dottie Mochrie

Age: 25. One victory this season, her third as a professional. Seventh on the money list. Member of the Dunes in 1986. Has propped her meiden name of Pepper but sta

Patty Sheehan .

overshadowed by Daniel's and by the US Open. Won five times and led the Open by nine shots with 36 hotes to go, but lost it to

HOCKEY

Great Britain are hoping to make a successful start

From Sydney Friskin in Melbourne

FRANK Murray, the Australian manager, is not setting too much store by his team's recent 6-1 and 3-0 victories over Great Britain in the run-up to the Champions' Trophy tournament, which starts here tomograys.

mament, which starts here tomorrow.

"No one should draw any conclusions from these games," Murray said. "The British will play much better as they get used to the local conditions and I would not expect more than a goal in it when we play them in the Champsons Trophy."

The British players tend to agree with Marray's view, having learned, among other things, that giving the opposition too much possession is not the best way to prospect. They are due to play The Netheliculus in the opening match themorrow and Germany the following day.

Although a couple of players are still nursing injuries, Britain are confident that they can beat the Dunch, whose defence is in disarray without their regular captain, Marc Delissen, and the captain, Marc Delissen, and the captain, Marc Delissen, and the solve and captain, Marc Delissen, and the captain the defence of the start the process of the decision of the Asian Games gold in the captain, Marc Delissen, and the captain the defence of the start the process of the decision of the decision of the captain the captain the captain the defence of the captain the captain the decision of the decision of the captain the Germany. The captain the c

clined to make the trip for personal reasons. The two replacements in the Dutch side the are memperenced. Britain have only two author-ne full backs in the side, Martin-and Faultner, and have at times; solved the problem by pulling solved the problem by pulling Potter back from the middle line to deep defence. So the decision as to who plays at centre half. Leslett or Soma Single, is all

weights)

Yorkshire aiming to hold their lead

By ALIX RAMSAY

THE calculators will be out all over the country this weekend as the Nat West women's county championship reaches the area finals stage. While Laucashire, as champions, are guaranteed a place in the national finals, the rest of the places are a long way from being decided.

iron being decided.

In the north, Yorkshire, unbeaten so far and yet to concede a goal, are three points ahead of Lancashire and will be hoping to avenge last year's 2-0 defeat.

"This match always brings a different atmosphere with it,"

Lanca Destinate the Yorkshire. Jenny Pagliario, the Yorkshire president, said. Although the Yorkshire side is a young one, many of the players have come through regional and national under-18 and under-21 squada. Lancashire will be relying on the experience of Maggie Souyave and Linda Carr to see them-

through.

The east region is the tightest, with Suffolk just ahead of Essex. on goal difference. The top two will meet on Sunday, but neither side will have had much of a chance to rack up easy points

top three in the midland group. Warwickshire and Leicester-shire, second and third, will dobattle on Sunday in their attempt to overtake Stafferishire at the top. Staffordshire shoulds have a relatively easy time of it taking on Bedferdshire and i

a match.
Somerset's bid for honours inthe west took a knock last week; as they lost valuable ground in a. 0-0 draw with Dorset, leaving them in third place. However, the top two, Deven and Aven,

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the top two, Devem and Awa, must play each other on Sunday's and that may just leave the way open for Somerses.

In the south, Surrey lead Barkshire with Middlesex third-on goal difference, all having played each other.

Meanwhile, spare a thought for Humberside, who have played six and lost six, conceding 21 souls and scoring none. ing 21 goals and scoring none. But are they disheartened? Not a bit of it. As their treasurer, Gill Ontoby, put it: "We're very positive. We're looking forward to the weekend and we're just eforehand. looking forward to getting the Only two points separate the ball in the net."

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Sifting the hopefuls.

AS PART of a world-wide contract, and participate in the search for players, the World WLAF's player allocation draft in Orlando, Florida on February w (WLAF) is staging two days of 13 to 14. trials, today and on Sunday, at the Coothall Sports Centre,

The trials will be for position players today and kickers and punters on Sunday, with registration taking place at 8.30am on both days. Despite being open to anyone between the ages of 18 and 26, certain

The WLAF announced this 5

will kick off as scheduled on " March 23 with 10 teams in three ... North American cities and three European sites. The London in franchise, competing as the London Monarchs, will be based at Wembley Stadium.

the ages of 18 and 26, certain physical and athletic capabilities must be met by all entrants in order to qualify.

Players chosen from the trials

Players chosen from the trials

Carolinas, North American West: Sacramento, San Araonto, Birmingham.

Court of Appeal

Law Report November 16 1990

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Committal for breach of order wrong Detention beyond lawful time limit

DVD Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson [Judgment November 8]

Where a consent order relating to access to children included holiday staying access at dates to be arranged between the parties, and the party having care and control of the children refused to permit such access, an order committing him to prison should not have been made.

The court's discretion under Order 29, rule 1(6) of the County Court Rules 1981 to dispense, for the purposes of a committal order, with the failure to incorporate a penal notice in an order only applied to an order requiring a person to

abstain from dning an act. The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments when allowing an appeal by the father. the petitioner in matrimonial proceedings, from an order of Judge Hodson in Bolton County Court committing the father to prison for seven days for breach of an order providing for access by the mother to the four children of the marriage.

Order 29, rule 1 provides: "(1) Where a person required by a judgment or order to do an act refuses or neglects to do it within the time fixed by the judgment or order ... or where a person disobeys a judgment or a person disoleys a judgment or order requiring him to abstain from doing an act ... the judgment or order may be enforced ... by a committal

(3) Where a judgment or order enforceable by committal order enforceasie by communal order under paragraph (1) has been given or made, the proper officer shall, if the judgment or order is in the nature of an injunction ... issue a copy of the judgment or order, indorsed with or incorporating a notice as to the consequences of disobedience, for service in accordance with paragraph (2)...

"(6) A judgment or order to an undisclosed destination requiring a person to abstain from doing an act may be enforced under paragraph (1) his Lordship applauded the notwithstanding that service of judge's intentions in awarding a copy of the judgment or order an immediate custodial sen-has not been effected in ac-cordance with paragraph (2) if the judge is satisfied that ... the normal, but the question was

to enforce the judgment or order has had notice thereof . . ." Mr Gerwyn Samuel for the father, Mr David Bruce for the

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that after the breakdown of the marriage, the father moved with the children to a house of sufficient size to accommodate them. The mother and the co-respondent were unemployed and lived on social security. The mother did not have accommodation to provide a perma-nent home for the children.

The lather objected strongly to the unother having any access to the children, but a consent order dated May 24, 1990 provided that "the [unother] do have access to the children... as follows...(d) holiday staying access...for...four weeks during the summer, the dates to be arranged between the purties..." and that the children ties...", and that the children be placed under the supervision

The order did not carry the penal notice as to the con-sequences of disobedience referred to in Order 29, rule 1. The supervising officer ap-pointed by the council arranged for holiday staying access start-ing on August 3, but before that date the father made it plain that

that on October 18 the judge made a committal order. The next day it was submitted to the order, the committal invalid.

However, the judge, on the basis of the report of Sofroniou v Szigetti (The Times September 19, 1990), decided that he had a discretion to make the commit-tal order notwithstanding the absence of the penal notice.
Since the father had departed

required a person to do or to abstain from doing an act. An order which made a declaration of rights was not enforceable in that way, and the reason it was held in In re P (Minors) (Custody Order: Penal Notice) ([1990] 1 WLR 613) that it was inappropriate to include a penal notice in an order giving interim care and control or custody of children to one party The father objected strongly with reasonable access to the other, and containing the usual direction that the children were not be removed from the juris-

enforcement by committal. It was also well established that committed was not avail-able for refusal or neglect to of the local county council. comply with an order to do an act unless the order fixed a time at or within which the act was to

Committal only applied for non-compliance with an order of the court — not for non-performance of an agreement between the parties. Since the period of access from August 3 rested on an agreement between the parties he was not prepared to permit the agreed access or indeed any future access.

agreement between the partes negotiated by the supervisor and was not prescribed by an order of the court, there was no order requiring the father to do or abstain from doing any act in relation to that or any other period of access, and there was therefore nothing to being the therefore nothing to bring the matter complained of within Order 29, rule 1(1). The judge should therefore not have made

In Sofroniou, full transcripts of which had been provided, the order in question required the defendant to abstain from doing various acts. The Court of Appeal held that in those circumstances there was a discretion under Order 45, rule 7(6) of the Rules of the Supreme Court to discremes with the Court to dispense with the failure to incorporate a penal notice in the order

person to abstain from doing an act, as distinct from one requiring him to do an act.

> ther access orders should spell out precisely what be was to do or to abstain from doing, with an eye to compelling obedience

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON, concurring in the result, said that since the May 24 order was not drawn in injunctive terms so as to enable the mother to apply for enforce-ment of it, the committal order should not have been made.

If, for example, the parties were left to agree a time at which access on a named day was to commence and an agreement was proved to have been made, the court might treat a sub-sequent outright refusal to comply with it as within Order 29, rule 1(1).

whether he had power to make a committal order at all.

It was fundamental, both under Order 29 and the corresponding provisions in Order 45 of the Rules of the Rules of the Supreme Court, that an order could only be enforced by committal if it required a person to do or to

The May 24 order did not require the father to abstain from doing anything, but the fundamental point was that a penal notice was inappropriate because that order was not one capable of founding a committed

The ordinary form of order,

However, the mere fact that an order for access was made by consent did not after its nature as an order of the court, and the fact that a provision in an order had to be determined by agree-ment before it became effective did not necessarily mean that it was incapable of enforcement under Order 29.

His Lordship agreed with Lord Justice Dillon about the rule 1(6) dispensing power. Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for J. M. Pearson, Stockton-on-

Although a defendant had been unlawfully defained in custody-after the expiry of the 70-day remand time limit, that did not prevent justices committing him to custody for trial as that was a fresh stage in the proceed-ings which had its own custody time limits.

The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held to a reserved judgment granting a declaration but refusing other applications for judicial review and refusing an application for a writ of habeas corpus brought by Philip Juhn Turner after Sheffield Magistrates Court on August 23, 1990 had refused him bail and refused to extend the custody time limit permitted by the Persengian of Officers the Protecution of Offences (Custody Time Limits) Regula-tions (SI 1987 No 299).

Regulation 8 of the 1987 Regulations provides: "(1) The Bail Act 1976 shall apply in relation to cases to which a custody time limit applies..." (2) That Act shall apply as if

- . . . (b) In section 4 (general right to bail of accessed persons and others) at the end there were inserted the following sub-sec-tions— (8) Where a custody time limit has expired this section shall have effect as if in sub-section (1), the words 'ex-cept as provided in Schedule 1 to this Act' were omitted,"

Section 4 of the Bail Act 1976 provides: "(1) A person to whom this section applies shall be granted bail except as provided in Schedule I to this Act. "(2) This section applies to a person who is accused of an offence when (a) he appears or is brought before a magistrates count or the crown court in the course of or in connection with proceedings for the offence, or (b) he applies to a court for bail in cannection with the

Mr Richard Gordon for the applicant, Mr Ian Winter for the prosecution. prosecution. LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR

remanded in custody, weekly remands followed.

On August 8 the Crown Prosecution Service gave notice of intention to extend the time limit on the remand. Accordingly, on August 15 the applicant was brought before the interiors again. INSTICCS REALD. The CPS wanted to apply then

for an extension of the custody time limits pursuant to section

22(3) of the Prosecution of Offences Act: 1985. However, the applicant's solicitor asked that the application be made on August 23 Unfortunately the CPS solicitor miscalculated the period. He believed that the 70-day time limit laid down by regulation 4(4)(b) of the 1987 Regulations expired on August 23 when in fact it expired at midnight on

The error was not appreciated by the applicant's solicitor who had proposed that the applicant could be kept in custody until Angust 23. When be became aware of that on August 23, he submitted that the effect of the statutory provisions was to oblige the court to grant the applicant bail.

The magistrate took the view that the effect of the discussions

between the solicitors had been that the defence had consented to an extension of the custody time to August 23 and that he therefore still had power further to extend the time, which he did. to extend the time, which he did.

Mr Winter sought to uphold that decision. However, in his Lordship's view that could not be right. Even if an agreement between solicitors on a missappreheusion of the facts could in other circumstances amount to a valid agreement or lead to a to a valid agreement or lead to a valid consent order, the terms of section 22(3) of the 1985 Act excluded that possibility in the present case.

The section specifically provided that the court might extend the time limit "... if it is satisfied—(a) that there is good and sufficient cause for doing so; and (b) that the prosecution has acted with all the expedition."

whether the prosecution has acted with all due expedition. Nothing had occurred to pre-vent the custody time limit of 70 days expiring and when the matter came before the magistrate on August 23, it had expired. He therefore had no power to extend the time limit and was bound to grant bail.

The more difficult question

was how far-reaching were the effects of allowing a castody time limit to expire? Did it prevent the applicant thereafter from being remanded in castody at any time up to his conviction, or up to the time of his arraignment, or only up to the time of his committed for trial? time of his committal for trial?

The clear purpose of laying down specific time limits for custody at specific stages of the criminal process was to prompt the prosecution to move with expedition and to avoid the accused being kept in custody for an excessive period at any specific stage of the proceedings.

If the prosecution required more than 70 days between the accused's first appearance and his committal for trial and so needed an extension of the

needed an extension of the custody time limit, they had to show to the justices, within the time limit, that they had good cause and that they had acted with due expedition.

If they failed to secure an extension before expiry of that period then bail had to be granted.
However, when the applicant

was committed for trial a fresh custody time limit was laid down by regulation 5 of the 1987 Gown by regulations on use 1957 Regulations which provided:

(3) The maximum period of custody — (2) between the time when the accused is committed when the accessed is committed for trial and his arraignment... shall, subject to the following provisions of this regulation, be 112 days."

atisfied—(a) that there is good and sufficient cause for doing so; and (b) that the prosecution has regulation 5(3) was to be noted that regulation 5(3) was to perempeted with all due expedition."

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Solicitors: Irwin Mitchell, Sheffield, CPS, Sheffield.

provisions of this regulation". Those following provisions reindictment were preferred after committal either with or without additional charges.
In his Lordship's view when "t

an applicant was committed for a trial, the committing magistrate had power to commit him in custody even if an earlier cus-

custody even if an earlier custody time limit had expired and he had to be given bail in consequence. There was now a fresh stage of the proceedings which had its own unexpired custody time limit.

His Lordship would therefore construe the words of subsection (8) of the 1976 Act, inserted by regulations 8(2)(b) of a the 1987 Regulations as having effect only during the stage of the proceedings to which the expired custody time limit related.

To read the modifications as To read the modifications as meaning that the custody time limit in regulation 5(3) between committal and arraignment never took effect once an earlier. time limit had expired, was not only wrong as a matter of construction, it would make no

Its only rationale would be the need to discipline and concentrate the minds of prose-ecutors. But in the process, the public could for substantial periods be put at risk which the courts would be powerless to avoid. The more restricted reading of

The more restricted reading of sub-section (8) simply ensured that an accused remained in custody no longer at any single stage of the proceedings than the 1987 Regulations permitted for that stage, unless the period was extended under section 22(3) of the 1985 Act.

The justices who committed the applicant for trial on September 20 were therefore, entitled so to do. It followed that since he was now in lawful custody, the application for a writ of habeas corpus failed. However, the applicant had been unlawfully detained be-tween August 23 and September 20 and a declaration would be : granted to that effect.

Mr Justice Morland agreed.

His Lordship did not accept Tees; Unsworths, Leigh.

Loophole to beat new business rate appeals deadline

SMALL businesses that have failed to appeal against their assessment under the uniform business rate may still have a loophole available to them as the shock of next year's rates rise of up to 30 per cent sinks in (writes Rodney Hobson).

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The six month appeal period lasted from the introduction of the new rating system in April.

However, Andrew Smith of Teacher 'Marks Deal, property consultants in King's Road, Chelsea, London, says. There is still a mechanism by which companies can appeal in certain circum-

A company has to be able to prove that there has been a change of use or material change in the property or in the neighbourhood surrounding it since the revalua-tion in April.

Mr Smith says."Any number of changes could have happened recently. For example, shops or offices could have been refurbished, or more space taken, or some given up. Development work could have started next door and all of these would qualify as changes allowing appeals."

He cites as possible external factors a new one-way system, the pedestrianisation of a street or the large-scale building of new offices, shops or warehouses, which could have a serious impact on relative

Mr Smith has handled the case of a petrol station when the road past it was changed into a dual

carriageway. Half the potential customers were trapped on the other side of the central reservation and the garage won a substantial reduction in its rates bill.

Retailers are particularly vulnerable to changes. A new shop-ping centre would allow retailers in other parts of a town to appeal Even an out-of-town supermarket or retail warehouse, perhaps with a bus service from the town centre, would be grounds for appeals from existing traders.

Mr Smith says: "Once an appeal is allowed we are able to challenge the entire basis of the rates valuation." He says that most rating surveyors charge according to results, except for a small initial

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"Of course I'm a long established firm — this is my

Weaving a web of opportunity

By RODNEY HOBSON

JASON Wright is one of the lucky few people able to make their

Mr Wright, aged 20, collected moth and butterfly larvae from crops when he was a boy. Unlike most children, however, he never grew out of his hobby. "I found any type of insect fascinating," be said. Mr Wright has set up a company near Sleaford, Lincolnshire, buying and selling inverte-brates. After school he rejected the idea of studying entomology, deciding that he would learn more running his business.

He felt that he did not need to know how the internal organs of a spider work in order to breed and sell them. Mr Wright said: "Within ten years I will have a large enterprise. If I had gone to college I would still have been there now."

He called his company IJE Wright and works alone. Although it has taken only six months to raise turnover to the equivalent of more than £20,000 a year, the business would not support a cond person yet.

His main line is tarantulas there are 60 types - but spiders, even those with a nasty reputation, are generally not dangerous,

"Not many are poisonous. A black widow could make someone feel sick but they are not often a danger to life except for the very ng and the elderly," he said There are quite a number of different sorts and there is one in Spain that is quite harmless. If you want poisonous spiders you can find them in Australia but it is illegal to export any from there." Customers include private collect-



Mr Wright's choice: Jason, who has turned his hobby into a business, with turantala ors, 200s and schools. An adult but it takes five years for a spider environmental concerns could tarantula can cost as little as £8.50 to become an adult. The female

but a rarer breed may cost £65. He spider's propensity to eat the can sell 100 spiders of a particular type in a week. Most of the insects are imported or bought from other a time and a breeder does not lose dealers. Mr Wright breeds his own many. Mr Wright fears that

lead to a ban on collecting wild creatures but he believes the breeding rate of spiders is such that hundreds could be taken from a small area without wiping them

BRIEFINGS

THE Australian government wants to entice Britons in small businesses to migrato, bringing with them their capital and expertise. The attractions of sun, surf and tise. The attractions of sun, surf and open spaces are being highlighted by the Australian High Commission, which says that, on average, for every person settling in Australia through the Business Migration Program (BMP), six Australian jobs are created. Australia wants people who will establish ventures that will help to particle imports and increased. help to reduce imports and increase exports, create jobs for Australians and boost technological innovation. In return, a spokesman says.
Australia offers a launching pad to
the expanding Asia-Pacific markets. Economic factors are not the kets. Economic factors are not the main attraction. "The sort of people we attract are in their late thirties to early forties who are sick of commuting and want to get away from crowds. They have succeeded in their own businesses and are looking for new challenges, perhaps in a different line. They want a stable political environment where stable political environment where their children can grow up and the family can enjoy a good lifestyle." How much does it cost? Each caso is assessed on its ments, but as a rule of thumb, people aged under 40 need to have £150,000 to start their business, and those aged more than 40 need £250,000, plus 560,000 to buy a house. A business migration advice day is to be held tomorrow at the Australian High Commission, Australia House, The Strand, WC2. More information: 071-438 8722.

An average of 100 businesses a day have been created over the past ten years, figures released by the Department of Employment show. An estimated 87,000 extra businesses were registered for VAT on 1989 alono.

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Australia's reserve players proffer a lesson in diligence

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, hobart

IN AUSTRALIA, far more than in any other country, the approach of a Test series is a ibiquitous roll of drums, a soap opera oo the national network. When the opposition is England, the drums beat louder and the characters assume still higher household

We are well into the opening episode of this particular 'soap" and the melodrama is already being spread thickly. Eliminating Graham Gooch from the England cast seems, to most Australians, like writing Jason Donovan out of Neighbours. They just do not believe in it anymore. Australia will win, they say, with something to spare, and their attitude towards the poor old English stops only just short of feeling sorry for them, which would never do.

It is traditionally about now, a week away from the opening Test match, that these opinions of barmen, taxi drivers and hotel porters, which have been force-fed to the touring team since arrival, are superseded by the profundities of "those who should know", a legion of charismatic former players who have the communal spirit among found their way into one branch or another of the

One of the first to offer his thoughts this time is Greg Chappell, now without an official role with the Australian side after a long career as captain and a shorter one as chairman of selectors. Chappell's overview is as confident as that of the taxi drivers: "If Australia play to potential,

YACHTING

Dickson wins all his races

By BOB ROSS

CHRIS Dickson, the world champion from New Zealand, who works in Japan with the Nippon Challenge America's Cup syndicate, and Peter Gilmour, of Australia, won all four of their races oo the first day of the Nippoo Cup matchracing series sailed off Hayama Marina Yacht Club, Japan,

Next best in the round-robin elimination series were Eddie Warden Owen, of Britain, Law-rence Mead (Hong Kong) and Makoto Namba (Japan), each

The races were sailed in light offshore winds. Dicksoo beat Toshio Toya (Japan), Peter Isler (United States), and Owen and Russell Coutts (New Zealand). Gilmour beat Isler, Toya, Owen and Cootts. The remaining three races of the round robin will be completed today, the semi-finals and final at the weekend.

At the close of entries yes-terday, the fleet for this year's NorTel Sydney-to-Hobart race totalled 117, nine fewer than last year and, given Australia's depressed economy, surprisingly

Favoured to be first into Hobart is the British maxi, Rothmans, skippered by Lawrie Smith, and with most of the crew on board that drove her to fourth place in the 1989-90 Whitbread a round-the-world race. She arrived in Sydney by ship yesterday, with plenty of time for training and tuning before the Hobart start on

A British crew, headed by Ian Hornsby and Peter Wheeler, has chartered for The Race Beyond Thunderdnme, the Laurie Davidson-designed One Tunner that sailed for the winning United Kingdom team in last year's NorTel Southern Cross Cup stries.

defence tomorrow with a third round, best of 17 frames match against Tony Wilson.

Should Hendry win the UK championship he will stretch his record of having won successive ranking titles to five. It is hard to

they should win comfortably. Chappell, however, is oothing if not shrewd and needs no reminding that factors other

balance of a Test series. One

knowing each other better than our wives did. "The amount of time cricketers spend together in confined places such as hotel rooms, planes and buses makes it imperative for the players to have a comfortable

relationship with each other," Gooch is a great devotee of this theory and, having spent so long in an Essex dressingroom where conviviality is a condition of entry, has ac-quired the gift of putting it into practice. The success in the West Indies, under his captaincy, was to an appreciable degree attributable to

Gooch's untimely confine-ment in an Adelaide hospital has shifted this burden onto Lamb who, himself, has an unquenchable spirit. Being a man of energy and action, however, he expects others to share his attitude, rather than having Gooch's ability to impart it. In the weeks to come, this could be a critical

If you line the teams up on a practice sessions of England man-to-man basis, England and the Australian XI they do not rate nearly as highly." meet today overlapped, and meet today overlapped, and the comparison was not

reminding that factors other Bob Simpson, Australia's than mere ability can shift the coach, drove his squad through three hours of exercissuch factor is team spirit. ing, nets and fielding which "During one of the closing they seemed positively to seasons of my career," Chapenjoy. England's practice was pell says, "I spoke to Rod a relatively desultory affair Marsh about the fact that, for involving only ten of the ten years, I had spent more party. Four had been allowed time with him than with my a day off and one, Hemmings, wife. We agreed at that stage to was inactive after having his troublesome back injected. This was the first day on

tour when the international feel was apparent because, although Australia's side is packed with fringe Test play-ers, they are running the game on Test match lines. It was a day of visual sparring and of unavoidable comparisons, in which England will not have emerged favourably. It is all about appearances, and psychology, and feeling comfortable together.

Lamb himself was not only present at practice but usefully employed, batting at length against spin bowling, his weakness, in an individual net. Full marks to him for this, but a pity that psychological high ground should have been cooceded at this sensitive stage of the tour.

If the taxi driver, the barman and Chappell are to be proved wrong, England must constantly create the right impression, both with the opposition and in their own minds, about their commitment to the cause.

STUDENT SPORT

Backs ensure title goes to Swansea

SWANSEA University, the Commercial Union UAU rugby union finalists for the past three seasons, overcame their close rivals, Cardiff, at Sketty Lane on Wednesday to clinch the Welsh university colleges' champ-ionship, and, more important, avoid Loughborough, the cham-pions, in their half of the knockout stage next term. Victory was by 14-6, but Swansea's goal and two tries to

two penalty goals emphasised their superiority. Powell's try and conversion, against the wind, levelled Lloyd Davies's the skilful backs made sure of the game io the second haif when Paul Hopkins, the winger, and Mark Yendle, the full back,

Both sides have most of last seasoo's players remaining, but injuries and, more recently, club demands, have weakened them. Loughborough had few such worries, crushing Bradford 44-3 and registering eight tries. Miles, at scrum half, scored two, and Malone, the stand-off half, added 12 points with his boot.

sweep for Longhborough in qualification matches for the five main outdoor winter titles. The footballers won 2-0, Sion Thomas finding the net in each half, the women's hockey team won 7-1, Tania Liddell scoring five, and the men triumphed 5-0, including a Rob Madeley double; and the nerball players edged through 23-18. • The British Universities

The result completed a clean

netball team to face its Australian counterparts in two inter-nationals has been named. The squad is based heavily oo Irish players with four full internationals - Cathy Harvey, Jo-anne Skehin, Edele Kelly and Jenny Bradley - from that country, plus Sian Jenkins, the

The Australians start their tour today at Swansea against the full Welsh team plus British Colleges.
BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SQUAD: C Har

Brut Isrt Uerzicki (Izs Studio): C Her-rey (Uster), & Jenkina (Bath), J Stebhi (Cusen's Bollast), C Painer (Burgor), H Yoomen (Loughborough), E Kelky (Uster), J Bradley (Uster), G Norton (Lancaster), B McCatin (Cusen's Belfast), M J Debuty (Uster).

Parrott, the world Nn. 3, was the last man to beat him in a ranking event, in the final of the European Open in Lyon last

March. Since then, Hendry has gone undefeated for 25 games in

ranking tournament matches.

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ships from Coventry.
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YACHTING: Screensport 11.30-12.30: The 50ft World Cup from North America.

SNOOKER

Hendry the favourite

STEPHEN Hendry, the world see who can stop him. John champion, is favourite in retain the Stormseal United Kingdom championship which begins to-day at The Guild Hall, Preston. The events ends on December 2, when the winner will collect a prize of £100,000.

Hendry, aged 21, begins his defence tomorrow with a third round, best of 17 frames match

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL SMIRNOFF MISH LEAGUE: Bangor v LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne v Shamrock Rovers (7.45). **RUGBY UNION**

RUGBY LEAGUE YORKSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Finel: Bradiord Northern v Hull (6.0). SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: (7.30): First division: Hull KR v Halfau; Leeds v Weitefield Trinity; Oldhern v Salford; St

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Heisens v Castieford; Warrington v Feetherstone R. Second division: Sheffleld Eagles v Dewabury.

OTHER SPORT

SWOOKER: Stormseel UK championship (Guild Hail, Preston, 2.0 and 7.0).

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Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out SWIMMING: TSB National Winter Championahips: As part of an important incentive by the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) to make the sport more attractive to

place is Sharron Davies, who will be competing in the 200 metres individual median on Saturday.

Racing starts at 2.30pm today and tomorrow, and 3pm on Sunday, with a total of 25 races being staged. Admission is £7 for souths and 50m for children and

make the sport more attractive to the public, spectations are being invited to offer suggestions and criticisms about the way events are organised. The first meeting since the drive was launched takes place at Coventry this weekend.

Not only are national titles at stake, but there are still eight vecancies to be filled for the world championship team, who are due to compete in Perth, Australia, in January. Among those fighting for a

Nerurkar's running term starts with World Cross Challenge Reliable master

over the country

By DAVID POWELL RICHARD Neturkar is useful

RICHARD Neturior is useful to have around in a crisis. He was the advice line for 21 students living near Chemobyl at the time of the nuclear reactor disaster and he negotiated a British athletics party through Soviet customs when it arrived without visas. On behalf of one pocket of British athletics this year he, more than anyone, has

pocket of British athletics this year he, more than anyone, has stabilised a sinking ship.

Nothing startling, just dependability at work when vicissitudes were all around. A rugby league headline in Runcorn World once read: "If only everything in life was as reliable as Runcorn Highfield". The Warharough Times might The Mariborough Times might like to try this one: "If only everything in British distance running was as reliable as Richard Nerurkar."

Others have had their mo-tents: Eamonn Martin won the Commonwealth 10,000 metres and Allister Hutton the London Marathon. But they had their lows, too. Not Nerurkar, a master at Mariborough College.
"It's been a great past 12 months
with no notable failures," he
said. And enough minor successes to suggest that next year we may look to him more than to Tim Hutchings or Martin for championship eminence, be it cross country or track. Nerurkar admits to "one or two runs where I should have

performed better". But for an athlete whose best finish in the English Schools cross country was fourteenth as a senior, and whose schoolboy summers were consumed more by playing cricket and travelling than by athletics—"I didn't see the great thrill in competing" -makes impressive reading.

At cross country, he won the EuroCross (a European league), the English national and was leading Briton in the world championship; on the track, he won the AAA 10,000 metres and was best Briton at the European

Nerurkar has done it the way nums like itt academic qualifications first — degrees from Oxford and Harvard — then time for sport, if you must. After seven years furthering his eduseven years furthering his edu-cation since leaving Bradford Grammar, and at the age of 26, Nerurkar's breakthrough has followed a year in which athlet-ics has become his first lan-guage. His second and third are Russian and German, which he teaches part-time.

On Sunday, he begins a new championship season. Defeat by Simon Mugglestone a fortught ago in a warm-up race will have reminded him that British cross country is not quite knee-deep in trouble as its lowest world in trouble as its lowest world eighteenth place and I think I the radiation clouds were mov- world championship silver bechampionship placing of ninth am capable of that in Antwerp." In the radiation clouds were mov- world championship silver being to the west." As the leader of hind Kenya. "They are not last season would suggest. There He was fifth in the European a group of 21 students, Nerurkar unbeatable," he said.



take advantage should Nerurkar show a weakness. But the in-augural World Cross Challenge has come with perfect timing for

Just as Nerurkar, eighteenth in the world championship last March, is seeking higher recognition, the International Amateur Athletic Federation has driven a steamroller over the in prize-money to establish this new series. The first of 11 races will be in Bolbec. France; an athlete's best four finishes count, with double points at the world championship in Antwerp on March 24,
"I am keen to do well in that

competition," Nerurkar said. His aim over the next 12 mooths is to build on the last 12. "I would like to improve on eighteenth place and I think I

consistency; no one in Europe has their level of skill, physical

or tactical. No one can match their knowledge of the game and the way they practise it. What

they talk, they do. And in handling the ball they

make everybody else, as in the two matches against France, look a bunch of fimblers. They barely make any mistakes, few unforced errors. When, earlier in the summer in a game against

Australia, Zinzan Brooke took the bell into a maul, only to find

the opposition emerge with it, all three televisinn com-

mentators were aghast.

It became, in their uniquely conversational and appealing on-air manner, a big talking

point. Such an error is not in be expected, not even at provincial level. Any one club match in this country, however, will have

dozens of such mistakes which we will happily tolerate.
There is a view that the All

Blacks' merit is measured only in terms of statistics. Cast an eye

during a summer in which he improved his best time by 24

He believes that, in the right circumstances, he would have run 27min 40sec. "I will be setting my sights higher than that next summer," he said. Talk of his world championship prospects is avoided. Language masters tend to address the present tense before the future and Nerurkar is thinking no further than this winter's cross

No matter how often the weather is against him as he elopment physically."
pursues faster times, he will He expects the British team,

British Embassy for advice on whether to return home. It has been to his advantage

he believes, that he was well into his 20s before making his commitment to athletics. "I was different sports at school and I am pleased I did. A lot of people I was up against at 13, 14 and 15 stopped because there was too much pressure on them. I was still enjoying it by the time! finished university. I have built up my mileage through training which has suited my development physically."

aiways be thankful that it was depleted last winter because of with him when he most needed the proximity of the Commonit. At Chernobyl io 1986, the wealth Games, to be resurgent wind was in his favour. "We in Antwerp, Two winters ago, he were 350 miles to the east and was in the team which won BOXING

Refereeing blamed for Laing's defeat

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By Srikumar Sen BOXING CORRESPONDENT

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KIRKLAND Laing, whose hopes of n world title challenge suffered a setback when he lost his European welterweight title to Patrizio Oliva, of Italy at Campione on Wednesday right, wants a rematch.

Laing's manager, Mickey Duff. complained: "The innekeeping was bed and the referenge was totally biased... it was the worst referening I can ever remember in my life. He was consistently bad."

Duff was referring to the constant interference by the referee, Justo Vasquez, and the warnings directed at his man whenever he appeared to be getting into his stride. Duff said he would be sending a video of the bout to the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) to prove his point.

"I wasn't able to fight. When I wanted to do my work, the

wanted to do my work, the referee kept on stopping it and allowing the other guy to get his breath back." Laing said. "He definitely butted me."

definitely butted me."

The rounds appeared to run, well over the regulation three minutes. The representative of the British board, Ray Clarke, said: "I've never seen anything like it. The final round went on for four minutes 37 seconds and I made it what both become I made it that both bowers actually fought five minutes longer than they should have done."

Yet Joho Morris, the sec-retary of the BBBC cautioned that the discrepancy could been caused by the timekeeper adding on time for stoppages. This can only be done after instructions

from the referee.

Morris added that that it was unlikely that the duration of the rounds would have any bearing. oo a request to the European Boxing Union (EBU) for a rematch. He said he would be looking forward to the report from Clarke and from the EBU supervisor. Hans Nijdam, of the Netherlands.

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"If Ray's report asks us to make a complaint then we will do it at the EBU meeting on December 1 io Madrid," Morris,

From the boxing point of view, there appeared to be no complaints about Oliva setting-the decision. The former world the decision. The former world light-welterweight champion, aged 31, seemed to have worked out Laing's style. He was not bemused by Laing's casual haods-down approach and when the Englishman threw the big right, Oliva was safely out of

range.
Laing's next appearance will
be in February when he defends
his British title against Del Bryan, of Nottingham,

e Carl Crook, who beat Tony Richards, of Nottingham, on-points on Wednesday to retain his Commonwealth lightweight championship and win the British championship, is to defend the titles in Preston on Decem-ber 19.

RUGBY UNION

Looking for cracks is

a near-trivial pursuit

Porta may have had last game

By DAVID HANDS

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEW Zealand have left Europe
and I regret their departure. No
one in Europe can match their to lead Argentina into the last match of their British and Irish tour, against the Berbarians in Cardiff tomorrow. Porta, who damaged a hamstring against Scotland last week, has not recovered. The leadership passes to Guillermo Angant, at full back.

Porta's international future is in doubt. At 39, he returned for this tour in the hope of helping a young, inexperienced party. Though he has not discounted playing in next year's World.
Cup, he says no decision will be made until his return to Buenos
Aires, to talk with his family and

Aires, to talk with his family and see what management team the Argentinian federation selects for the tournament.

Lisandro Arbizu, the heir apparent, takes over at stand-off half, as he did when Posta went off at Murrayfield last Saturday. Gustavo Jorge is restored in the wing, Gonzalo Camardon to server helf and Riverste La Eserver. scrum half, and Ricardo Le Fort to hooker. The two Rodolfos, Villalonga and Etchegoyen, nei-ther of whom has played in the three internationals on this tour, come inm the back row.

Richard Loe, the New Zea-land international prop, has pulled out of the Barbarians side be replaced by Paul Knight, the Welsh international

The Weish Rugby Union yesterday could confirm sales of only 18,000 tickets. Othy 10,000 traces.

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by MICHAEL STEVENSON

AMONG schools still un-

beaten, Cranleigh have drawn

two matches, against RGS Guildford (9-9) and St Paul's

(8-8) but have wins in their credit against Brighton (35-3). Christ's Hospital (25-3), Econ (19-3), Harstplerpoint (48-0), Tanatan (1-4) and Francisco (19-3).

Taunton (7-4) and Epson (19-

have been outstanding.
Solibul's record of eight

wins from eight games is even more impressive, as no school has got nearer than a seven-

The captain, Nigel Clark, Richard Johnson, Chris Speir and Sckola Ojoru, who has scored ten tries on the wing. at the scoreboard and see how the points add up. Up until the Australians won in Wellingtoo in the summer, the long tail stretched to 50 consecutive wins. They had amassed 2,062 points, letting slip 441 to the consecution. opposition.

They are referred to as a machine. The description is not imbued with praise and not entirely thought of as a com-

Chapman and Christopher Wakeman have played

wakeman nave played impressively.

The Wellington College-Radley extravaganza entailed 23 matches between the schools, with Wellington winning 22 of them. The one they lost was at first-XV level

(16-6) to leave Radley's unbeaten record intact. Welling-too could find some consolation in being the first

GERALD Les Davies

what they were, it seems. The what they were, it seems. The limbs of some, like the Whetton brothers, are beginning to creak; chinks have appeared in their armour, it is said. They have been made to look vulnerable. No more so than when their remarkable kicker, Fox, who has 430 points to his credit, is not around. Without him the wast.

around. Without him, the vast edifice erected over the last four years totters. There exists a reluctance to accept their true worth. It is a misjudgment. A year has made a difference. One player can make a dif-ference even in a side which ference even in a side which prides itself on the anonymity of teamwork. The All Blacks readily acknowledge that their game is no longer what it was when John Gallagher was playing. Safe and brave though Kieran Crowley, their full back, is, he has not the flair of a Gallagher. Crowley turns up for the occasional by but he is a

the occasional try but he is a workaday full back, fulfilling his role competently. There is no dash.
When there is talk of such and

such a player adding a new dimension to the game's style, it is quite often as glib as it once was to evoke the qualities of certain players who were said to he ahead of their time. This does not say much unless it is an

characteristic virtues of New Zealand. Gallagher allowed a wide range of choices at various points in the line and displayed an instinctive "feel" for running into spaces as opposed to bodies

Alex Wyllie - and more important, I fancy, Fox and Stanley on the field — gen-erously accommodated him. For a while, the All Blacks had begun to spread their wings a little and became less reliant on forging their attacks around the scrum. They returned to their basics when they had to. The checks and balances of their game were in Shelford's hands.

ous angles of running, created a flow which hardly resembled the

If, on one Saturday, they could play into a gale at Stradey and suffocate Lianelli into surrender in the most remarkable demonstration 1 have witnessed of how to win and keep possession of the ball among the forwards, they could, by the following Tuesday, run Newport ragged in the sunshine of Rodney Parade, Gallagher was in his element and over 50 points were scored. points were scored."

It is the exceptional mark of New Zealand rugby that they have accommodated for his

For the past two Saturdays in France, more and more the back row created the foundation for Fox to kick for position. There was intense physical commit-ment in midfield and the delientirety thought of as a compliment. It is fashionable in these islands to show them some respect, but only from a distance and certainty with no admiring approval. Theirs, it is interpreted, is a cold fish of a game.

Now their their superiority is being questioned. They are not the say much unless it is an acceptance of the mediocrity and the mediocrity and the player. But in Gallagher's case, he opened up the possibilities for New Zealand in develop their attacks on a wider scale.

His incursions into the different emphasis now prevails.

Ojoru scores ten tries on the wing for Cranleigh

two notable recent victories against Christ College, Brecon (13-20) and Millifield (6-7).

After a disappointing start, King's, Braton have four convincing wins to record against Wellington School (22-3), Bryanston (3-16), Christ's Hospital (15-6) and King Edward's, Bath (19-3).

Ressall, who have lost only to St Edward's, Liverpool, were too strong for Hutton GS, winning 40-0. Tomorrow they face an infinitely sterner test at Sedbergh, King's, Macclesfield face a taxing pre-Christmas face a taxing pre-Christmas programme with the confidence of seven wins from nine

Promotion race is wide open:

By DAVID HANDS

WHILE Bath's grip on the first division of the Courage Clubs. Championship tightened last weekend, the second division offers a tantalising spread of ability. That, in itself, suggests acoutest for promotion sufficient to warm the cockient of a to warm the cockies of a sponsor's heart but does not necessarily hint at permanence in the first division.

Liverpool St Helens havediscovered how hard it is to stay in the top flight and the midterm results in the second-division indicate that, on any given weekend, a team from the bottom may topple a team from the top. Wakefield, for instance, who have been among the leaders all season, came a cropper at Blackheath last weekend. Another northern club, Waterloo, who have struggled thus far, disposed of Richmond with unaccustomed case. Rich. mond were one of the favourites mond were one of the favouries-for the title and it may be significant that they have been, without Martin Livesey, their leading scorer of last season.

Indeed, there is a surprising absence of second division players from the list of leading points scorers in England. It is a generalisation but most successful clubs will also possessa good-goalkicker. Bath may he the exception which proves the rule, since Stuart Barnes only just creeps into the leading 20 but he shares the kicking duties with. Jonathan Webb.

It is not a coincidence that.

London Irish, second on points:
difference to Rangby at the top offthe second division, have in:
Brian Mullen the division's in
highest scorer. Mullen brought—
his season's tally to 113 when he;
scored nine points against.

London Scottish last weekends.

The Scottish last weekends. It is not a coincidence that. The Scottish, too, have stut-The Scottish, too, have stuttered recently, but will doubtless pull themselves together for the meeting tomorrow with Richmond, their co-tenants. Richmond were depressed to lose their march sponsor at short notice: "It's got more difficult to sell games because of the recession," Graham Tardif, their president, said. But after a flurry of activity, Jenner, Feuton and Slade, the insurance brokers, have filled the breach. Whuldthat results could be insured too."

St Mary's, the holders, play St Mary's, the holders, play either St George's or Royal Free? in their opening march in the Hospitals Cup on January 29.

school m cross Radley's line. Bedford lost their first match ham (6-9) but have won eight out of nine games, including two notable recent victories point deficit. They have beaten Bishop Vesey's (9-33), King Edward's, Birmingham (22-12), Bedford lost their first match of the winter, away at St Edward's, Oxford (12-3) but have beaten Bedford Modern (54-4), Dulwich (9-3), Harrow (53-0), Oundle (11-19), Bedford Colts (3-7), Mill Hill (0-28), Uppingham (22-0) and Stowe (19-7). Their second XV is undefeated and deprived St Edwards's second XV of its unbeaten record (14-0). Edward's, Birmingham (22-12), Nettingham HS (22-9). War-wick (10-3), King's, Wercester (15-22), King Heary VIII, Cov-entry (15-32) and Aylesbury GS (3-22). Matthew Gallagher, Richard Charman and Christopher

Edwards's second XV of its unbeaten record (14-0).

Haileybury's only defeat was by Wellington College and they report recent victories against Bedford Modern (24-7).

Toshridge (9-6) and Felsted (23-7).

King's, Tasmton are enjoying a fine season. They lost narrowly to a hard-tackling Oak-

DRAW: First round: January 29. "K. DRAW: First round: January 18: St., Round: V. Royal Free. January 17: St. Thomas's V St. Bartholonow's. Second round: January 28: St George's or Royal Free V St. Marys: tog's V UCH/Mid-dissor. January 31: Gay's V Chaing Cross/Westmireter; St. Thomas's C T. Bartholomew's V The London. Semi-ficular February 13 and 20. Finals March., 18.

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Weights favour Sabin Du Loir

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

of the firm ground but the still not as good as the two consolation is that Morley main protagonists in this Street and Sabin Du Loir have instance. both been declared for the Racecall Hurdle.

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winning the Sandeman Hur-dle over today's trip at clear chance of also winning Liverpool last season and this the Charles Davis Handicap aintumn he captured the Chase with Star's Delight. Breeders' Cup Chase at Beimont Park after narrowly today's trip more to his liking beating the 1989 St Leger than Chepstow's 2½ miles winner, Michelozzo, in a over which he tired noticeably preparatory race on the Flat at on his seasonal debut.

Toby Balding's six-year-old should have no difficulty in reverting to hurdling this able character, the 1990 afternoon because American Grand National and Whit-

Lour, who won the corres- in succession. ponding race in 1987 and 1988. On reflection, he could not have been right when he went for the treble 12 months lengths into fourth place after drifting ominously in the mar-Ket from 2-1 on to 6-5 on. However, Sabin Du Loir

has shown himself to be in form this autumn, albeit over fences when accounting for none other than Desert Orchid by six lengths at level weights at Devon and Exeter.

Shahrastani, Reference Point, Kahyasi and Nashwan have all

been retired to stud at the end of their three-year-old careers.

RUNNERS are thin on the ground at Ascot today because Zon, Calapaez, and Coworth Towcester, and Kempton, Park are on their day, they are Deerness Spook was still very

If Sabin Du Loir is success-ful again, he should be the Morley Street excelled when second leg of a double for his month, is taken to defy top

The eight-year-old will find

Earlier in the programme, racegoers will have the pleasure of watching that remarkfences and British hardles bread Gold Cup hero, Mr besically require the same technique.

Frisk, in action again when he endeavours to win the Punch Yet I doubt his ability to Bowl Amateur Riders' Handiconcede 101b to Sabin Du cap Chase for the third season

Whether or not Morley Street is successful, his trainer Toby Balding should not leave went for the treble 12 months ago because he was beaten 31 lengths into fourth place after at the mercy of the recent Wincanton winner, East

River.
A victory for Deerness
Spook in the Hurst Park
Novices Chase will provide a perfect start to the weekend for his trainer, Tim Thomson Jones, who is getting married tomorrow.

mile-and-a-quarter and mile-and-a-half races.

Naturally, I'm very pleased. The horses will continue walk-

ing exercise until at least the Tudor Music will be best New Year and will then resume remembered for his battles with

much in contention when hefell at Chepstow last time.

Babil, who was most impressive when scoring at Newbury at the end of last weight in the Lion Gate Handicap Hurdle.

At Ayr, I will be looking to Mary Reveley's versatile mare, Broctime Grey, to win the Lang Whang Hurdle for the second time following that sound effort against Battalion at Wetherby 13 days ago.

The Kirkmichael Intermediate Handicap Chase can go to Boutzdaroff, who managed to best Young Snugfit at Liverpool in the spring when all the conditions favoured the For the day's best bet,

though, I nominate Better Times Ahead, who stands out in the EBF Novices' Hurdle Qualifier on the strength of that victory at Wetherby a fortnight ago when, making his seasonal debut, he easily dealt with Mr Woodcock, who had already won twice.

Finally, it is no surprise to see David Nicholson running Deadly Charm in the Alexis

Deadly Charm in the Alexis Barley Handicap Hurdle at Huntingdon so soon after that stout effort against Stratford Ponds at Cheltenham on Friday. She may never be as well handicapped again as she is After winning at Taunton, here, even with top weight.

winner in the 1981 2,000 Guin-

eas, has died at the age of 12 in the United States. The son of

Kings Lake in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, the St James's Palace



Mr Frisk, the Grand National winner, who tries to

THERE will be a big British presence in Milan today when Candy Glen (Nigel Day), Sikeston (Michael Roberts), Zoman (Richard Quinn) and Tester Piggott has five rides at Totem (Gary Carter) contest Italy's top end-of-season mile race, the £53,790 group one Premio Vittorio di Capua. Premio Vittorio di Capua.

The raiders will also be out in force in the £24.450 group three Premio Dormeilo (1m) for two-year-old fillies, with Brockette (Roberts), Giowlamp (Bruce Raymond, Lee Artiste (Quinn) and Reshift (Geoff Baxter).

In the £19,559 listed Premin

Design (Carter) do battle with four local juveniles.

Lester Piggort has five rides at the meeting including Irgaim in the Premin Vittorin di Capua.

Silk Petal (Willie Carson) and Philharmonia (Michael Hills) run in the £19,293 group three Prix de Flore (Im 2%) at Saint-Could today.

Cloud today.

Alydar, one of the world's leading sires, was put down at Calumet Farm in Lexington, Kentucky, yesterday after breaking his leg on Tuesday.

Commons enquiry to put levy system under microscope

By RICHARD EVANS

RACING'S leaders are prepar-ing to argue in favour of fundamental changes to the levy system of funding the sport at an enquiry conducted next year by the Commons home affairs select committee.

Lord Harrington and Christopher Haines, senior steward and ehief executive of the giving evidence to MPs within a lockey Club, are known to be unhappy with the existing key structure and will probably gain powerful backing from senior know exactly what questions Levy Board figures, including Sir Ian Trethowan, the nurgong expendence we don't be looking at. The enquiry gives me an incentive to chairman, who, privately, is highly critical of the 1960s-style

system. While industry leaders are concerned that racing does not get a proper financial return for its product via levy on betting urnover, they are also disillusioned with the legislative structure of the levy machinery, particularly the framework for annual negotiations with book-

at present is of great benefit to racing and that nothing should be done to seriously undermine nr scriously change the

"If it came to a situation in which the levy was going to be removed, even if it were replaced by some other mechanism, racing would be well
advised to stand back and
consider very carefully."

Tristram Ricketts, chief execthe betting duty, which is furthenly
There is a strong case far a
reduction in betting duty when
nne looks at the nverall health of
the industry allied in what we shall be invited very shortly

to submit evidence by the middle of January." Racing is expected to receive two or three years. There will be £41.53 million next year from a lot of pressure no the number fey, on betting turnover of a for britisher in the significant decline has repercussions, racing's needs of £84 million, as including social ones, it cannot calculated by the Jockey Club and Harseraeing Advisory Council.

HUNTINGDON

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 1.30 Vincanto.

1 1211 STRIDENG EDGE 25 (D.F.O) J Jankins 5-11-10

The MPs' investigation, chaired by Sir John Wheeler, Conservative MP for West-minster North, will give Sir John Sparrow, Levy Board chairman from January 1, an

views on the levy. Sir John, who is likely to be complete my learning course D

httle bit quicker than might have been the case." Although recommendations made to government by select committees often fall an stony ground, the home affairs select committee has been remarkably successful over the years in having its proposals imemented by ministers. The levy enquiry is expected

makers over each year's levy scheme. The discontent has been highlighted by increasingly acrimonious talks between the two sides in recent years.

The levy enquiry is expected to last several weeks. Subject to last several weeks.

in stark contrast in evidence submitted by bookmakers to the all-party group of MPs.

Tom Kelly, director-general about the effect of the economy of the Betting Office Licensees' Association, said yesterday; to despread too the effect of the economy on their business, have submitted a report on taxation of "We believe that the levy as it is bookmaking to government at present is of great benefit in ted a report on taxation of bookmaking to government departments, including the Treasury, and are now seeking talks with Whitehall officials. The report, carried out by National Economie Research

Associates (Nera), outlines the effect of decreasing or increasing betting duty, which is currently the industry allied in what would happen to government revenue if there was a decrease,"

Kelly said yesterday.
"Nera came to the conclusion that the industry is going to have a fairly hard time over the next

Nicholson critical of Ascot course

By Christopher Goulding DAVID Nicholson yesterday launched a scathing strack nn

the state of the course at Ascot, where the valuable two-day November meeting gets under way today with a total of just 26 runners in the six races.

"I had intended to have runners an both days," the Condicote trainer said last night, "but I have been totally misinformed about the state of

the ground.
"It's not the going which is my bone of contention, it's the disgraceful tack of maintenance to the course and the grass. After went to the Ascot sales back in July, I walked the course and thought at the time what a terrible state it was in. Now I have unfortunately been proved

Nicholson's principal runners were to have been Al Hashimi in the H & T Walker Gold Cup and the H& T Walker Gold Cup and Wnterloo Boy in the Manicou Chase. Waterloo Boy will now be sent to Haydock Park on Wednesday for the Standard Life Handicap Chase.

"The while business is very annoying especially at a track which I had once considered to be the second best in the country for jumping behind Chelten.

for jumping behind Chellen-ham," Nicholson added. "It has cost my owners nver £700 in entry fees."

Al Hashimi, Espy, Okcetee

and Antinous, who runs at Ayr today, were all taken out of ante-posi lists on the Ascot race yesterday.

LAYEST BETTING: Corele: 3-1 Multum in Parvo (with a run), 7-2 Comandanto, Ful Strength, 4-1 Bazing Wahler, 7-1 Cashew King, Wen Guller Hills: 11-4 Multum in Parvo (with a run), 4-1 Comandante, 5-1 Blazen Wahler, Ful Strength, 8-1 Cashew King, 10-1 Winh Gudiver.

Piggott shows his skill twice

LESTER Pignott's riding skills twice delighted Italian racegoers in Tuscany yesterday.

Pigeott won the five-furling
Premio Sedan on Ghille Due by half a length and also excelled on Kathleen in the Prentio Giornale Galappo e Trotta. As he left the stalls, an iron snapped but Piggott managed in stay in the saddle and steer his

mount round the twn bends of the 71/2-furlong race.

Training problems cut short normal training." Quest For Fame and Sanglamore's classic seasons, Quest four-year-old, finishing second Selections By Mandarin · 1.00 East River. 2.40 Sabin Du Loir. 3.10 Deerness Spook. 3.40 Babil. 1.35 Mr Frisk. 2.10 Star's Delight.

By Michael Seely ZAO SABIN DU LOIR (nap). 3.40 Sonny Hill Lad.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 118143 GOOD TIMES 18 (MF.F.Q.S) (Mrs D Robinson) II Hall 18-0 Rececard number. Stu-figure form (F-felt, P-palled up. 1)—unsected rider, B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused. (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. D-disqualified). Horse's name. Days s-soft, good to soft, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft. Trainer. Age and weight. Fider v-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course and remaining flowance. The Times Private winner. D-detence winner. CD-course and remaining flowance. Going: good to firm 1.0 BINGLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£3,028: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

101 2/5200-1 EAST REPER S (P) (Mrs O Russell) D Balding 8-11-5.

102 3 ARISEE TWENTY 22 (R Brooks) R Weaver 4-11-0.

103 PP0(0PF- PRAL TOP 346 (W WOOd J) Bridger 5-11-0.

104 0820-33 POLAR VISION 11 (R Bertanon) C C Elsay 4-11-0.

105 IMSPRED LOVE 20F (Mattheyord Ltd) F Yardey 5-10-0. __ J Front + 98 ... B Powell 54 - M Perrett 90 BETTING: 2-7 East River, 7-2 Poler Vision, 12-1 Arbee Twenty, 25-1 Inspired Love, 100-1 Final Top. 1982: TOM TROUBADOR 8-11-5 E Murphy (5-4 fav) J Gifford 0 ren

FORM FOCUS EAST NIVER conflort114 (pair clear) at Wincandon (2m 8t, firm). A useful
ARREE TWENTY one-pecad 8t 3rd to Cardagens.
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Minnehorite at Fontwell (2m 6t, good to firm) in 1.35 PUNCH BOWL HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £4,560: 3m) (3 runners) 201 35411-1 SER FRISK 13 (CDJ.Q.S) (Mrs H Duffey) K Belley 11-12-0 202 1/232/P HAMOY TRICK 13 (DJ.F.Q.S) (J Hamon) J Henson 9-10-11 203 04U33-1 THE FRUIT 11 (F) (R Ledger) R Ledger 11-10-0 (4ex) Long handicap: The Fruit 6-9. K Johnson —

FORM FOCUS MR FRIEN (ad 2 out | before 3 out belied Captain Mor at Watherby (2m 4) Huntworth 1 1/4 on seasonal mappearance at Sandown (3m 118yd, good to firm). Previously made all to beat Durham Edition of in Whithered Gold Cup at Newbury 1 8/2 worse of 1 18yd, good to firm). Previously made at to beat Durham Edition of in Whithered Gold Cup at Newbury 1 8/2 worse of 10 out 1 18/2 with MR 18/2 worse of 10 out 1 18/2 with MR 18/2 worse of 10 out 1 18/2 with MR 18/2 worse of 10 out 1 18/2 with MR 2.10 CHARLES DAVIS HANDICAP CHASE (28,952: 2m) (3 runners)

BETTING: 10-11 Broad Beam, 12-8 Star's Delight, 4-1 Stiver Cannon. 1988: CLEVER FOLLY 9-11-12 G McCourt (3-1) G Richards 7 ran FORM FOCUS STAR'S DELIGHT led participated of the state o

Stakes and the Sussex Stakes. 2.40 RACECALL ASCOT HURDLE (Grade II: £15,020: 2m 4f) (5 (BBC2)

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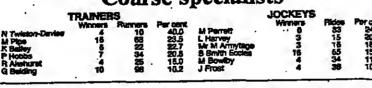
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3.40 LION GATE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,817: 3m) (7 runners) BETTENG: 2-1 Babil, 100-30 Marsh King, 5-1 Soray Hill Lad, 11-2 On His Own, 5-1 Bosceen Chir Cockesows Lad, 85-1 Elize-Ess. 1998: PIED RUDDEL 8-10-5 M Dwyer (8-11 fav) J Hanson 4 ran

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14112- BOUTZEAROFF 209 (D,F,G) (Noting Stud) W A Stephenson F-11-12 M Divisor

1912-14 OREENGART 15 (D,F,G) (Noting Stud) W A Stephenson F-11-5

C Grant

1197'-21 DEEP FLASH M (CD,F,S) 1 (A Parton) J Edwards 7-11-1 (Got). H Williamson & 122111- ASTRIR RADIEUX 204 (CD,D,S) (T Hermanings) S Motor 5-10-5

G McCount

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Going: good to soft 12.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,278: 2m) (12 runners)

1.15 DRYBRIDGE NOVICES CHASE (\$2,490; Sm 110yd) (4 runners) M Doughty • 90 ... C Grant 57 1.50 LANG WHANG HURDLE (£4,844: 3m 2f) (7 runners) # Dayer 77
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Long bandicap: Marcurius: 6-11, WETTBRQ: 9-4 Antinous, 11-4 Deep Frash, 4-1 Boutzdaroff, 6-1 Greenheart, 6-1 Astre Radieux, 16-1 Mer-1968: TARTAN TRADEMARK 7-12-0 N Doughty (4-8 fev) G Richards 4 ren 2.50 MOSSBLOWN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (E2,872: 2m 4f) (6 1 6-23122 BAD TRADE 7-(CD,CLS) (F Piler) W A Stephenson 6-11-15.
2 446-63P CENTRE ATTRACTION 14 (CD,F-G.S) (n fascon) G Richards-11-11-5.
3 8,53121- MENITY RULES 256 (D,G.S) (C Brotherton) S Makor 9-11-3.
4 F62-P22 CHEFCHARE 20 (D,F-G.S) (F Juston) S Wildmann 10-16-12.
5 F1525/2- TOODLEN HARTE 264 (C.S) (D Sourise) C Parter 6-10-0.
0 A4105/0- ENCENEZ 260 (E.D.S) (D Swindenburg) D Swinderburst 16-10-0. A Lemach (5) (Long handlesp: Incense 9-10.
BETTRIC: 9-4 Bed Trade, 3-1 Indinity Rules, 4-1 Chipchase, 5-1 Carine Altraction, 7-1 Toddin Hame, 25-1 Incense. · 1989: PURA MONEY 7-11-6 M Moloney (7-1) G Richards 6 ran 3.20 FIVEWAYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,935; 3m 2f) (7 runners) 3-91111 JAINTY 680 13 (D.F.G) (P Pain) W. A Septembon 4-12-0.
3-91111 JAINTY 680 13 (D.F.G) (P Pain) W. A Septembon 4-12-0.
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4,000-4 MRS JENSIFER 27 (6) (B Rouses Ltd) R Alien 5-10-0.
6,775-F BENARUL 14 (Nrs G Treding) C Treding 15-10-0. Long handlongs Mrs Jenstler 9-4, Emmacil 9-0. BETTING: 17-4 Journy Grg. 3-1 Handlings, 4-1 Breaking Dawn, 6-1 An Jim Lad, 6-1 Helf Clied, Emmacil, 14-1 Mrs Jenstler. 1989: ABAN WAY 7-12-0 N Dougley (9-4 law) G Richards 8 ran Course specialists

23.8 G McCour 22.7 N Coupts 19.0 D Byrns 19.0 L Wysr 18.4 M Dwysr 18.3 B Storey

2 8- ALBERT PLACE 260 K Morgan 4-11-5... A 5 Britle (7) 3 5/0 SOMANE ONE 15 T Forster 8-11-5... J Railhon 4 1194 GOLDEN VINTAGE 11 (V.D.F) 6 Dow 4-11-3. H Davies 5 - PBS SLYMORE 11 C Product 4-11-3. H Davies 7-4 Stricking Edge, 5-1 Fer More, 6-1 Golden Virtage, Sister abries, 6-1 Golden Isle, 16-1 Saymore, 12-1 others. 1.30 MACER GIFFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,028: 2m 4f) (8) 1 THE GOOD TONIC 2 (F.O.S) 7 Emerington 7-11-11 E Marphy 2 F133 G2E-A 15 (CO.F.G.S) F Murphy 11-11-8 D Murphy 3 3-43 WORTHY (NEGRIT 28 (D.F.G.S) B McLean 9-11-9 4 7142 MAJOR MATCH 15 (DJBF,F,G,S) T Forster B-11-B H Device 5 4681 FARMLEA BOY 10 (CD,F,G,S) D Baking 18-11-4 (sec.) 8 2P13 BEECH PARK 20 (8F,F) D Nicholson 6-10-11-4 Fermise Boy, 2-1 Vincento. 5-1 Beech Park, 7-1 Gee A, 6-1 Mayor Match, 16-1 Good Tonic, 12-1 others. Course specialists TRAINERS: F Murphy, 3 winners from 6 runners, 57.5%; 0 Sharwood, 13 from 53, 22.4%; M Ryan, 11 from 52, 21.2%; G Baiding, 17 from 63, 20.5%; H Henderson, 12 from 63, 16.0%; J Gifford 25, from 132 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: W McParterd, 3 winners from 16 rides, 23.1%; J Ration, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Osborne, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Ryan, 4 from 20, 20.0%; E Murphy, 11 from 58, 19.0%; O Gallegher, 6 from 32, 16.8%.

2.0 ALEXIS BARLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,003; 1 1112 DEADLY CHARM 7 (CD,F,Q) D Nicholson 4-11-16 P. Durwoody
2 041- MOORE STYLISH 214 (CD,F.G,S) J. Ringer 7-11-10
5 McNett 3 -366 KIND'A SMART 13 (V,CO,F) K Morgen 5-11-8 A 0 Smith (7) 4 53-2 THE WIDGET MAN 17 (D.BF.S) J Gifford 4-11-7 R Rows 5 /2-0 IMPERIAL PLIGHT 13 (D.F) P Balley 5-11-7 H Richards 0 /0-3 HOSTILE ACT 13 Miss P Half 5-11-4 J Rollson 7 120- INUINFIELD VILLAGE 18F (0) S DOW 4-11-0. S Turnes 0 2-02 THIN RED LINE 13 (V.D.S) J Jenkons 6-10-13 H Dayley 9 808- GREENHILLS PRIDE 118F (D.S) J Jenkons 6-10-11 1.0 Striding Edge. 1.30 Farmles Boy. 2.0 Deadly Charm. 2.30 Tribute Tp Youth. 3.0 Shamana. 3.30 Aberoy. 10 -UPS RECOLLECT 22 (D.F) Miss J Thome 5-10-6 ... N Dewe 13-8 Deadly Charm, 5-1 The Widget Man, 6-1 Mulrifield Visage, 7-1 Hostile Act, 10-1 Moore Stylish, 12-1 others. 1.0 KIMBOLTON NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,856; 2m 100yd) (21 runners) 2.30 HUTCHINSON AND PARTNERS ARCHI-TECTS NOVICES CHASE (£2,174: 2m 200yd) (5) 5 82/6 TRIBUTE TO YOUTH 14 (0,0) D Nic

6-4 Clean Through, 7-4 Tribute To Youth, 4-1 Don't Tell Ruth, 12-1 Alchemic, 14-1 Temetour. 3.0 RANVET MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,926: 2m 100yd) (18)

3 UB- BRIERY FILLE 18F A Hitle 5-16-10 0 Woods:
4 2-44 BRODERIE ANGLASE 20 J Ringer 4-10-18. S Michael
5 5 DUC DROM 233 Mrs D Haine 5-10-10. MON-RUNNER:
6 P ELECTRESS 27 A Turnel 4-10-10. D Upos (3)
7 0 FREST 20 P Calver 5-16-10. J Upos (3)
8 PU-5 LADY WESTUAR E 17 G Belding 5-16-10. R Quest
8 3PQ LOTS OF LUCK 29F J Pacro 2-10-18. J Michaelati
15 304- LOVE ON THE ROCKS 291 T McGovern 5-10-18. W MoSerland
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S Feet and S Feet 11-5 Shamena, 100-30 Red Salts, 9-2 Lady Westgate, 5-1 Taine Sands, 15-1 15-1 others.

3.30 BEDFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDI-CAP CHASE (£2,224; 3m) (7) 7 DF-4 OUR SURVIVOR 27 (7) Mes H Knight 5-10-0. G Upton

5-2 Aberoy, 3-1 Cone Glen, 4-1 Our Survivor, 5-1 Flests Dance, 6-1 Gay Moore, 10-1 others. 22.10: 21.10, \$1.60, \$2.50. DF: 26.50. CSF: \$7.40.

12.40 (im) 1, Texan Classour (R Pentern, 5-1); 2, Bassin (4-1)i-fav), 3, Bott (4-1)i-fav), Scented Goddies 4-1 [i-fav, 12 rsn. hd, 2], R Hannon, Tota. 55.00; \$1.70, \$2.00, \$1.50. DF: \$24.80. CSF: \$22.58.

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Going: good to soft

12.45 (2m Inde) 1, PERSIAN MOUSE (M
Dayer, 9-2); 2, Kaleidon (G McCourt, 45
Eastern Witsper, Mr Optiment (49), 20
Poggy Flet (5tt), 33 Highland River, 50
Poggy Flet (5tt), 33 Highland River, 50
Western Scarce, Gotton Delta, 65 Patry,
100 Alean's Joy (pri), Hey Joe (pri, 14 nn.
114, 62, 114, 11, 114, 134, 146 Person at Matton,
Tork 27, 10, E170, E150, E210, DE; 24.0.
1,15 (2m 110) of this 1, ASTON EXPRESS
(M Dayer, 6-4 lay); 2, Cosesses (C Grant,
23-12, 3, Social State (10, 30) for 1, Minnester (10, 30)
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Mrs. 6-1; 2, Curtum Fleeting (14-1); 3, Highest (14-1); 3, Highe DF: \$24.80. CSF: \$24.58.

1.18 (9) 1, Prime Nover (C Duffield, 9-4;
2. Oak Park (25-1; 3, Dream On (7-2) Red
Poppy 13-8 fav. 7 nn. NR: Mise Surfield,
3; 2%1, 4 Prescot. Tote: \$2.310; \$1.50.
\$4.20. DF: \$22.70. CSF: \$40.21.

1.40 (1m) 1, Green's Seago (J Culint, 141); 2. Come Home Atons (4-1); 3, Statrway
TO Heaven (Evers fav. 12 ran. 2%), 3k, J
Harris, Tote, \$21.00, 12.90, \$1.50, \$1.20.
DF: \$38.70. CSF: \$70.16.
2.10 (70.1, Helenes GG Quifield, 16-2); 2. DP: \$38,70, CSF: £70.16.
2.10 (7) 1, Helseve (G Ourffeld, 16-2): 2, Draumashife (B-1): 3, Assignment (B-1): 4, Shining Jewel (7-1): Noopata 13-2 fav. 16 ran. 5i, rk. M Presidot. Tota: £10.90, \$2-63, £2-20, £1-50, £1-50, DP: £44.60, CSF: £74.41, Tricest: £326.84. 1.45 (2m ch) 1, DEEP FLASH (N Williamson, 4-6 lev); 2, Jim Thorpe (N Doughey, 7-4); 3, Kareamenter (L Wyer, 5-1), 3 ran. Dee; 1, J Edwards at Rose-on-Wye. Tota: 22.00. DF; 21.20. CSF; 22.38. 2.49 (fm 46) 1, South Shore (M Hills, 3-1); 2. Puti Puti (13-5 tar), 31, Express Account (14-1); 37 Alsobed (12-1), 6 ran, 11, 11, 8 Hills, Tone; 23.20; 21,80, 21,80, DF; 23.40, GSF; 27.78. DF: 21.20. CSF: 52.38.

2.18 (2m 4) hole) 1, DANSHY COMMONS 6.
Wyer, 5-2); 2. Gyestraft Daniel (R Marray,
10-1); 3, Noble Reider (M Owyer, 5-4 bay).
ALSO RAN: 17-2 Asson Again (601), 10 Minter Tuthe (501), 20 Strong Breeze, 25 Junanstan (401), The Programmer (od., 35 Absalor, Wichiga, 50 Anglero, 100 Ablibitativa,
Lady Ming, 13 rat., 12. 13, int., 12, 174, J. J.
O'Nelli at Perinth, Toes (35,6); 22.00, (23,6),
21, 10, OF: 522.93. CSF: 522.92. Towcester GSF: E7.78,
3.10 (1m 2h 1, Bramdean (A Mackey, 15-2); 2, Las Antie (14-1); 3, Verdeuse (4-1); 4, Pumpkin (15-1), Sam The Man 100-30 sev. 16 ran, Sh. d. ah Id. P Welseyn, Toxe: E9.20; 23.0, 22.00, £3.90, DF; £138.20, CSF: £104.79, Tritant: £464.73,
3.40 (50) 1, Saint Spriame (A Tucker, 4-6 far), 2, Harvoyn (8-1); 3, Le Chie (6-1), 10 ran, '41, '41, CHSI, Toke: £1.50; £1.10, £2.70, £2.20, DF; £7.70, CSF; £7.12, Tricast £22.52.

Placapot: £21.00, CSF: £7.12, Tricast £22.52. Going: good to firm

1.0 (2m hole) 1, Prost (R Campbell, 3-1 text; 2, Hugh (7-1): 3, Northern Village (14-1): 17 van. HR: Walkern Wilch: 34, 354. I Campbell, Tone: 24,00; 51,00; 51,00; 51,00, 23,00. DF: 67.20. GSF: 225,04.

1.30 (5m 190yd ch) 1, Gettinninnen (1 Rakhon; 12-1): 2, Bronze Effigy (ng. B-1): 3, Ronzele Will (25-1): Bit Of A Clown 11-4 text (0 nm. 134, 194). Mo Other. Tools: E13,50; 522,80, 62,00, 68,50. DF: 623,40. GSF: 5110,90.

2.0 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Major Effect (J Frost. 2.45 (2m St ch) 1, SHZEPHAYEN BAY (G McCourt, 11-0 tar); 2, Roy's Dreats (Mr R-Shest, 14-1); 3, Created (J Cataghar, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Bellimost); (h. 0 Be My Prospect (f), 20 Stoamatics (p.u.), 8 ran. NR: Into The Red. 18, %I. G Richards et Gray-stoke. 16th; 22.60; 21.10, 23.40. DP: £16.20, CSP: £15.48. 22.52. Placepot 221.00.
OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engage-

2.0 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Major Effert (J Frost. 6-4; 2 Royal Cracter (4-7 tex); 3, Hope End (4-1), 4 ran, 294, 12; G Baiding, Tota 22.30, DF: £1.50, CSF: £2.53. 210.20. CSF: ETS.48.

3.15 (2m hclo) 1, COPPRET (Mr P Waggott, 8-1; 2, Stay Assalas (Mr M Armytopa, 11-4 fert; 3, Blasharon Piper (Miss S Murgaroyd, 3-1). ALSO RAK's Sease Fun (1, 10 Ther's Brig, 14 Indemu (Smi, 15 Pandley Gold Sch), 20 Survens Boy (pd, 33 Carewas's Choice, Dawn Coyces (4mt, 15 ran, 3, 8, 5), 10, 8). Dovys Smith et Bishop Auditand. Tota: 19.30; 22.20, 61.30, 17.50. DF. 226.20. CSF: 229.23. Tricage: £74.48. 2.30 (2m hdle) 1. Stapid Capid (R Rows, 5-2): 2. No Bones (13-1); 3. Black Humour (11-16 bay) 0 ran.Art: (Wonder When, 12, 11. J Gifford, Tone: E3.50; 21.30, £2.20, 21.40. DF: £19.00. CSF: £30.00, Tricase: 265.41. 245.41.
3.0 (2m Sf 110yd ch) 1, Headle' On (T Wall, 5-2); 2, Soisr Cloud (8-1); 3, Sizage Mexica (6-4 bes), 4 ren. NF: Warmer's End. 30, 44 K Bridgerster, Tour, 23.70, DF: 58.80, CSP: £15.84. 20.00 (307: 110.00.

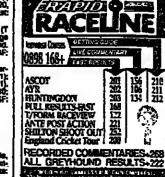
3.30 (2m htse) 1, Bounder Duty (M Perrett, 5-4 tavt, 2, Weien Commender (15-1); 3, Nessheld (33-1); 4, Swiss Princess (50-1), 15 min. 25, 32. G Hawwood. Tone: 22.65; 12.0, £1.70, £2.60, £8.10. DF: £12.50, CSF; £15.85. Tricking, £274.16. Gotsey good to term 1.15 (2m St holls) 1, Cerchia Flacer (M Fore-ter, 7-4 tav); 2, Draw Polser (11-2); 3, Lotti-neas (5-2) 9 ran Alif. Conso (On 10by, Coto-ber Wirds, Peek Royales, 31, 41, M Pops, Tota: C3.00; E1.40, E1.80, E1.30, DF: £9.30, CSF: £10.55, **Lingfield Park**

Placedot: 625.60.

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CSF: (*10.53)
1.45 (\$(0.01) 1, Temberry Dawn (A Webb,
15-8 (av); 2, Cresses Man (25-1); 3, Gustavas Adolphus (16-1), 0 ran, 27-1, 29, T
Hallot, Toss: (22.02), 21.10, 88.90, DF:
126.90, CSF: (229.32)

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SPORT

Salutary experiences for Gascoigne

ludricous hype surrounding Paul Gascoigne has been punctured by the actions of two managers within the last fortnight. Kenny Dalglish and Graham Taylor have in their own ways made a mockery of those who have laughably bracketed the 23-year-old with George

Dalglish, in determining that Gascoigne would not play. effectively for Tottenham Hotspur against Liverpool, and Taylor, in deciding that he should not play at all for England against the Republic of Ireland, have publicly exposed his deficiencies. He cannot be regarded as com-plete an individual as even one of his own contemporar-

effective Gascoigne can be always the best plan to give onslaught".

when he is closely guarded. them what they want."

Marked by Burrows, his

Yet England's survival in assurance that he will necessarily effect the policy for the contribution was negligible against Liverpool and Jack Chariton would doubtless have employed the same tac-tic, with McGrath in the destructive role, in Dublin.

might become a liability because of his frustration. With his fragile temperament, be cannot always resist the temptation to lash out or to launch himself with reckless ferocity into two-footed tack-

England did not need to take any agents provocateurs into Lansdowne Road, which lete an individual as even was predictably converted cope better with the aerial mto a war zone. "The Irish bombardment", and the midlike a battle," Taylor said field was filled with men of yesterday, "and it is not steel who could "handle the

the European championship qualifying tie depended on their ability to defend themselves against the most direct football ever played on the

"You know what they are coigne, as well as being a going to do but how do you potentially irrelevant figure stop them doing it?" Taylor amid the midfield turmoil, asked. The question has been posed 22 times by managers who have visited the Republic over the last four and a half years and none has found a convincing answer.

The measures which Taylor chose to take were protective rather than preventative. Adams was brought in to replace the diminutive Parker, for instance, "because be could

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essarily alter the policy for the return fixture at Wembley in March. He would say only that the same "grit, determination, hard work and strong will," the characteristics which carried England to the

edge of an improbable victory, "must be put to good use." Since Gascoigne is not renowned for such earthy qualities, be may again be left out.
Moreover, Taylor is concerned that the youngster is
being distracted by his public engagements. "It is hard to believe that they would not affect any 23-year-old but that is out of my control."

Platt may not yet have been feted in Downing Street or been invited to make a record but be is quietly establishing a more substantial reputation.

vided the two lasting mem- off the source.

The first was his goal.

the far post as Dixon's cross arrived. The second was per-haps less momentous for teleequally significant.

Only a few minutes remained when Ireland won a throw in deep in their own territory. Platt, though running on tired legs across the rutted and sodden turf, recognised that another attack McMahon, Pearce and Wright might be propelled from the were the other towers of soring but Platt also prosperited some 40 yards to cut

Gascoigne is at times a ories of an otherwise Gascoigne is at times a thoroughly undistinguished charming entertainer but he game which was buffered by was once described as being as gale-force winds. They illustrated his stamina, which matches that of Bryan Robson, and his intelligence.

was once described as being as daft as a brush by Bobby Robson. He is unlikely ever to acquire the tactical awareness of Platt. No one should doubt which of the two promises to Moments after flicking a play a more consistent part in In Taylor's opinion, Adams, header on to Lineker on the England's immediate future.

Only Haynes holds out with century

WEST Indies batted no more hour. Despite what the bowlconvincingly than England's cricketers might have been expected to do when making 237 for eight on the opening day of the first of their three Test matches against Pakistan. Only Desmond Haynes. captaining them in the absence of Vivian Richards, was able to cope with the subtlety of the Pakistani wrist spinners or the speed and accuracy of Waqar Younis. With Wasim Akram beating the bat more regularly than anyone, Imran Khan had no need to bowl.

Only the size of the crowd was a disappointment to the Pakistanis, the ground being almost deserted. The fielding was tidy and the bowling, after Pakistan had lost the toss, a Test hundreds, none can have third in successive Test innings, following his 109 against England in Barbados and 167 against them in Antigua. He gave a cone-toodifficult return chance to 78, mis-hitting a drive, and was dropped at the wicket off the inside edge off Younis when he was 92. These mistakes apart, there was no

News of Younis's five for 68 will be of comfort to the New Zealanders, whom be so humhled recently. I know now why Alec Bedser told the Surrey bowlers last season that it was The way be pitched the ball up yesterday, and kept the batsstriking rate - 34 Test wickets in 162.5 overs this wioter but for the moment, anyway, you need to be in top form to

keep him out. Not since the late 1970s, I suppose, had a West Indian captain tossed up at the start of a Test series with his side as anything other than firm favourites to win it. But West Indies must, in fact, have been the outsiders oow, and by lunch it was obvious wity. Even on a pitch with as little bounce as this one, West Indies were ill at ease once the

ing figures may suggest, it was Mushtaq and Qadir, especially the former, who did most psychological damage. But all the bowlers did well

Waqar giving Pakistan the best possible start by having Greenidge leg-before with his first ball. It barely ten the ground and looked well out although Greenidge seemed not to think so. Greenidge's reaction, though, was as nothing compared to Best's when he was caught at silly point. Unable to make head or tail of Mushtaq, Best seemed bound to come to grief before long. Taken overall, the umprim

looked to me to be perfect acceptable. Best may well have been unlucky, but sevjoy to watch. Of Haynes's 15 eral close things went West Indies' way, including a conbeen harder earned. It was his fident appeal for leg-before against Greenidge, playing no stroke, to the first ball of the match.

Even so, in what is sure to be an excitable series, it is unquestionably provocative Mushtaq Ahmed when be was to have given a new man one end, oot least because, at 26, Riszuddin must be just about as young as anyone to have stood in a Test match. Small and inscrutable, it was to him that the majority of appeals were addressed, including the first of the day.

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Apart from Haynes, only Richardson, until he panicked against Mushtaq, and Logic, until he chased an outswir from watching Waqar's line from Akram, stayed for any and, even more, his length time. Hooper promised only that they have most to learn. to deceive; Dujon flicked the last ball before tea straight to backward square leg; Marshall men playing, was quite as was beaten for pace and impressive as his speed. Ambrose by a swinging Strong and athletic, he has a distinct look of Daley Thompall that, find it that easy a son. There is, of course, no match to win; on pitches as way he can maintain his slow as this, they seldom are. match to win: on pitches as

BOWLING: Alcram 19-1-51-1 (hb5): Younks 18-0-68-5; Opoli 19-2-62-0 (hb2); bluehing 18-3-56-2; 10-3-08-X, PAJUSTAN: Snoelb Mohemmed, Rami Raja, Zahid Fazai, Salim Mellit, Jeve Misnosid, "Imran Khan, †Saleem Yousu Wasim Akram, Abdu Cadir, Mushin Ahmed, Waqer Younis.

Board to consider lifting the covers

By RICHARD STREETON

nic Assurance championship without contrivance." to be played oo uncovered the agenda for the meeting of ideal to play domestic cricket

Derbyshire, Kent, North-matches, amptonshire and Yorkshire The s be uncovered from start to mental season in 1959, pitches

tween bat and ball.

finish, including overnight, were mostly uncovered until The move will be resisted by 1981. In 1987, there was a one-both the board's England and year "compromise" return to cricket committees, and uncovered pitches, which would also be against the were left unprotected during

captains.

This does not necessarily mean that the mooted change will fail to be agreed. County instance is certain the mooted change in the mooted change will fail to be agreed. County instance is certain the mooted change in the mooted ch chairmen, for instance, ig- ever, be a six to eight-foot area nored the board's specialist at each end, either side of the committees only last year stumps, protecting the when they decided against a bowlers footbolds.

Chris Middleton, the chairman of Derbyshire, said: Australia, because be does not "Last season there was some have the residential qualificaappalling cricket played. With tions required.

A PROPOSAL for the Britan- there would never be a result Opponents of uncovered pitches for three years is on pitches claim it would out be

the Test and County Cricket under conditions that differed Board (TCCB) next month from those used in Test The subject has been a have put their names to a perennial topic in English suggestion that pitches should cricket. Other than one experi-

wishes of most county the hours of play. Bowlers'

four-day programme.

Brian Close, the Yorkshire amptonshire's new signing, cricket committee chairman, has been fined £250 by the

has long advocated a return to TCCB disciplinary committee uncovered pitches. Many of- for making derogatory comficials in other parts of the ments in a newspaper intercountry now see it as some view last month thing that would help restore a • The TCCB has turned much-needed balance be-down Gloucestershire's attempt to sigo Stephen

Wundke, an all-rounder from

England prepare, page 38

Reid scores his ultimate goal

By IAN ROSS AND DENNIS SHAW

PETER Reid was appointed all my time at Manchester manager of Manchester City yesterday, becoming the sec-ond member of the 1986 yesterday, becoming the sec-ond member of the 1986 England World Cup party to join the managerial ranks support for any manager or footballer than we had for Peter Reid. The worst aspect of losing Howard Kenwithin a week.

Reid was confirmed as the successor to Howard Kendall, who resigned II days ago to return to Everton, 24 hours after Coveotry City's announcement that Terry Butcher had been signed from Rangers to replace John

be player-managers.

Reid, who has had the remaining two and a half years of his contract amended and improved by City, is expected to appoint a oew senior coach within 72 hours.

Peter Swales, the chairman, admitted that Reid's ulas caretaker only for the match day - had hastened the

"It was that decisiveness have got to respect someone with that sort of single-

relatively inexperienced Reid morrow but it is a a challe as City's twelfth manager in 17 years could be a gamble, he popular decision in the dressing-room and on the terraces.

"The players believe that it will work and that is imand there have been hundreds, have backed him for the job," Swales said.

"He is a natural leader. In

City I have never seen greater dall was the threat to our stability. I have taken the view that we need as little disruption as is possible," he said. Reid, aged 34, said that he hoped to consolidate City's position in the higher reaches

of the first division. "Every managerial change is a gam-ble," he said. "But there is no The two men, who made cast-iron guarantee that even significant contributions in an experienced manager will Mexico wheo Eoglaod get it right. I have a good allreached the quarter-finals, will round knowledge of the game and I believe that I can handle people. I have learned much from Howard Kendall but I shall be my own man."

Meanwhile, Coventry City announced that the ac-quisitioo of Butcher would cost them £650,000 over three and a half years. John timatum - that he would act Poynton, the Coventry chairman, also pledged the club to against Leeds United last Sun- support financially Butcher's reign with substantial funds for new players,

Butcher was confirmed as and firm attitude which im- John Sillett's successor yespressed us," Swales said. "He terday in a £400,000 transfer won on both counts and you from Rangers plus a contract have got to respect someone until May 1994 worth in with that sort of single-excess of £250,000. The former minded approach. It was a big England defender of 77 caps factor in him getting this job." decides today whether to Although Swales conceded select himself for the Coventry that the installation of the defence against Liverpool tohe is unlikely to resist.

believes it will prove to be a Butcher, Poynton was able to point to a club balance-sheet figure in excess of £4 million.

"There is money for Terry to spend on players," he said. portant. Ninety five per cent "In my seven years as chair-of the letters we have received, man we have been ready to purchase every single player put to us by the manager. We are a young, dynamic board. We are an ambitious club. We



New wine in an old bottle: Reid (right) and Swales toast to a deal that the City terraces themselves will drink to

are desperate for more suc-In his oegotiations with cess. We are winners and Terry Butcher is a winner, too. We recognise that his appointment is a gamble but we are confident he will be up there with the clite of Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness

in achieving what they achieved as player-managers."

Butcher, who was ap-proached by Poyntoo last

management has landed in his his nature, he reluctantly of-peace charge with two other lap three years before he admitted. There will be dress-players for an incident during lap three years before he intended. "I rang Bobby Robsoo for a chat because at soo for a chat because, at around Scotland glad to know October 1987.

Ipswich and with England, he Pve gone," he joked. influenced me more than any other manager," he said. "He gave me certain shrewd and relevant advice."

management and the need to set high disciplinary standards

ing-room doors and walls

On one occasion he kicked the dressing-room door down The responsibilities of game last year. The previous year he had behaved in similar fashioo at Pittodrie. He also

at Parkhead after a Celtic

a another match with Celtic in

"I thought I had experienced every emotion in football, being sent off, getting badly injured, the lot", he said, "but this is a new one. I have hardly slept since the approach was made on Sun-day night."

Suoday, admitted that may force Butcher to control appeared in court on a breach-**Douglas in contract dispute**

DESMOND Douglas, 11 paid, that's all. It's not a ditions. Against that, Douglas to clash over letter of employassociation which the player has refused to sign. Instead, Douglas has made strong criti-

Smith also says: "It is a distorted. The paragraph also great regret that a player who states that players should not has been an ambassador for make statements that make English table tennis should be the association look second-

and instead constantly makes portant matters individually, denigrating statements." The main contention appears to be over a paragraph in the employment conditions stating players should not discuss anything with journalists on the telephone or give words are ignored by the press are given prominence and

before the European championships in April, stating the player's lack of confidence in the management committee and refusing to discuss imexcept through a repre-sentative. Witnesses do claim

terday the chairman denied having received it. Three years ago, Douglas severed a contract with the ETTA after a disagreement with the chairman who has done much to improve the game's financial fortunes. After it, his form clearly suffered and he lost his England No. 1 place for the first time in seven years. Further protracted dispute for Dougas, at the age of 35, would

this note was handed person-

ally to Prean, although yes-

Wigan told capacity may be cut

WIGAN, England's best supported rugby league club, has been told that unless essential safety work is carried out immediately at Central Park the crowd capacity will be cut to 12,000 and all matches will be made all-ticket (Keith Macklin writes).

This is a severe blow to the club, which is spending £1.4 million on a new grandstand. Its average attendance is about 14,000, and for special fixtures can reach 25,000.

Officers of the local metropolitan council will insist at emergency talks on Monday that unless Wigan guarantees to carry out extensive repair work, the Douglas stand will be closed. The council's public protection committee is seeking more electronic turnstiles surely endanger the career of connected to police control, an emergency exit, and a many pitches so good, it was safety barrier at the kop end. obvious from the start that

treated so badly." Prean said: "If Douglas doesn't want to sign it, he that other leading players have the most successful English doesn't have to. He won't get signed the employment con- player of modern times.

DAVID HANDS explains why tickets for next year's rugby union World Cup final are sure to be hard

knockout stages of the tournament and the final is likely to result in maximum allocations of only two or three tickets per club. Regret-tably, no tickets will remain for

boxes which will exist by then and the RFU president's room in the West Stand. "RWC has accepted our ground in the knowledge that have certain commitments." Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said vesterday.

The union has not yet received official figures for tickets it will be able to sell — a meeting on December 11 of the five nations is due to finalise this situation. England has fewer debenture holders than the other home unions and has sold those seats on the basis of access to tickets for all internationals at Twickenham; hospitality boxes have also been sold, on a three-year lease, under the same conditions, even though the World

RFU access to around 40 per cent of the tickets. There will be 4,500 hospitality packages sold by CPMA, the commercial advisers to Rugby World Cup, as part of the various sponsorship agreements, although it is hoped to put together reduced-

price packages for groups of rugby

ayers, officials and media from all over the world must be accomedated, which is likely to leave about 30,000 tickets available for applicants from every other country in the world who wish to attend the final. Wood quotes as precedent the guaranteed seats for season-ticket holders at Eden Park, Auckland, where the first World Cup final was held in 1987.

Meanwhile, of the 58,000 tickets which will be available for the 1990 university match on December 11, over 50,000 have already been sold. It will be the first occasion the new North Stand will be used in its

Porta misses final match, page 38

One compelling reason for a diversified

energy programme The Middle East holds two-thirds of known oil

Any instability in the region puts the world's oil markets on edge. And when oil prices start to rise, those of gas generally follow suit.

By contrast the cost of nuclear power is unlikely to be affected by events in the Gulf. Uranium for Britain's nuclear power stations

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BRITISH NUCLEAR FORUM

The voice of Britain's nuclear power industry.

By RICHARD EATON

times the English national gagging document. What we may argue he has the symtable tennis champion, and ask is that he talks to the press pathy of other leading players, John Prean, the chairman of with witnesses present. The most of whom signed a note the English Table Tennis reason is that the most outra-handed to the chairman just Association (ETTA), are likely geous things have been attrib-to clash over letter of employ- uted to him, some of which he ment conditions from the then denies. He has oot been treated badly. He has been asked to be loyal to his sport cisms of the ETTA through his solicitor. Paul Smith.

A statement from Smith says: "There are ten paragraphs said to be conditions, requiring the player to comply with terms which he finds are restrictive. Basically it is a interviews without an apgagging document," and later proved witness, and which adds: "The association has not alleges hundreds of reasonable imposed any obligation on itself and therefore it can't be a while unfavourable sentences

Early warning on Twickenham ticket famine small it is easy to keep applies in reserve. It would be unwise to assume that the present oil crisis will be the last. are unlikely to have direct access to much more than 17,000 tickets for the World Cup final at Twickenham oo November 2 next year. Given It's reassuring, therefore, to know that nuclear power can help stabilise Britain's energy costs. If you would like to the weight of demand for tickets for England's home internationals at any time, figures released this week serve to emphasise how short will know more about

be the supply. But even so, England supporters will be well-off com-pared with visitors from other Capacity at the stadium will be slightly short of 59,000 and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) is already warning its clubs of the shortfall. The match programme for this month's game against Argentina (which attracted 55,100) included the following message: The to come by

other applicants . . . unfortunately, disappointment for many thousands of spectators is unavoidable." It is a moot point whether the ground should have been hired to Rugby World Cup (RWC) complete

with 5,000 debenture holders; none-

theless, agreement has been reached which guarantees the debenture scats, as well as the use by the RFU

seats, as well as the use by the RFU of the majority of the 94 hospitality RFU's series and is not, in that

The union will, I understand. receive some 10,500 additional tickets for the use of the ground and a further 6,000 as host union for the final. Should England reach that final, a further 1,000 tickets will be made available. Taken with the debenture holders, that gives the

The requirements of dignitaries,

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Exclusion of Gascoigne from team will have done him more good than harm

England at last has a manager with a smack of authority

not disguise the fact that he is

still immature and has much

to learn about the inter-

national game; which, as Bobby Charlton used to say, is

often no more than a slog.

Exclusion will tend to have

done Gascoigne good rather

He should reflect on the fact, for instance, that another

idolised Geordie boy, more

famous even than he, was far worse treated. Len Shackleton

gained only five caps. And what about all the others, with

a talent to match Gascoigne?

He should consider himself

fortunate that he has already

Bulgaria; San Marino v Romenia. April 3: Switzensod v Romenia. May 1; Ben Marino v Scotland; Bulgaria v Switzer-land, May 22: San Marino v Bulgaria, Jama 6: Switzerjand v San Marino, Bept 17: Switzerfand v Sociland, Out 18: Romenia v Sociland; Bulgaria v San Marino. Nov 13: Scotland v San Marino; Romenia v Sedtzerland. Nov 20: Bulgaria v Romenia.

Against that, it has to be observed that the Bulgarian goal, although deserved, followed a shot which Goram had

talented Paul Gascoigne from The reservations which be-fingland's team in Dublin on came apparent more con-Wednesday, we should be thankful that England scemingly has a manager with the smack of authority: who knows his own mind and is prepared to act upon it Such prepared to act upoa it. Such positive thinking has tended who were suggesting that Tayto be missing in the years since for had risked "execution" by

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Alf Ramsey Positive thinking by Bobby Robson might have taken his World Cup teams beyond their respective quarter-final and semi-final stages, and served them better in successive Earopean Taylor.

championships. To be a It is possible to become successful national team manager requires, besides extensive luck in the matter of an absence of injury, club availability and the chance of a draw, a tough, pragmatic streak. Ramsey had it when, between 1963 and 1967 he intermittently left out Greaves for Hunt; when he omitted Peter Thompson; when he refused to yield in 1970 to the demands for Osgood; or in 1972-3 for the claims of

nical level to Gascoigne, but Ramsey considered them I am not suggesting that Gascoigne will, or indeed should, continue to be excluded. He is one of the best players available to Taylor, at a time when men of such ability are comparatively rare. had only to snap his fingers and another one came up the

Marsh. Here were players with

at least an equivalent tech-.

pit shaft.
Taylor decided upon a tactic for a specific, almost seven times after the war,

By RODDY FORSYTH

The Scottish coach is not vain but he is sufficiently a student of

the history of the game to be aware that he may be in a position to succeed where the likes of Ormond and Strin could

known, the universal reaction north of the border was: "Nac

chance!" Yet two victories over Romania and Switzerland in

Glasgow have been supple-mented by an unexpected draw

to any match I've been involved in with Scotland. When you have the level of call-offs that we had, plus the fact that they were

predecessors.

Familiar script for

new Scottish cast

events in Sofia which have left the Scots perched on top of group two in their attempt to substant 2. Bulgaria 2. Bulgaria 2. Sociand 2. Substant 2. Bulgaria 2. Bulgaria 2. Bulgaria 2. Bulgaria 3. Sociand 2. Substant 3. Romania 0. Bulgaria 3. Sociand 4. Substant 4. See Marino 0. See Mari

THE usual rule of thumb for Group two

predicting; how Scotland foot-ball teams will perform is: as favourites, bad; as underdogs, good. This approach to assess-ment has been reinforced by the events in Sofia which have left

FAR from criticising Graham aberrational match, and the Taylor for his exclusion of the team came close to winning.

while Osgood, Hudson, Marsh and Bowles gained only 20 caps between them. Johnny Byrne scored eight goals for England but earned only I1 caps. Gascoigne should know that there is no automatic right to an England shirt.
It is inevitable that the

were those yesterday morning critics, and the public, will often not agree with Taylor's selection. Part of the beauty of leaving out the darling of the football is that almost everyone in the country is capable Yet we do not judge a new club manager after the first of having an opinion which they believe to be immutably week and a half of the season, correct, however little their in which time he has had the

knowledge and experience. That makes football what it is. same three matches as has Significantly, Jack Charlton agreed with Taylor's selection, and so did anyone who has observed the fluctation in emotionally too close to events. The Irish gatekeeper at Lansdowne Road had it in perspective. "No Gascoigne. No need for hankies today." Gascoigne's application this season. It may well be that he is earning too much money in what be is doing off the pitch rather than what he is doing be observed as we went Gascoigne was an elemental figure in England's World Cup performance, but that does oa it. Among other things he

ager's job is 10 times harder than that of the club manager. a handful of matches, and opposition that is constantly different in physical and poychological outlook. Scandinavian, Latin, South American, African, Arabic... and British. Taylor's skills will become more supersest when become more apparent when we have seen how he reacts to the changing kaleidoscope of the international scene. Having nearly escaped with a victory from Dublin, what we must now hope is that when England face the Irish at Wembley next spring, he will again be positive and opt for an attacking team. England have shown that the Irish are

has to learn to concentrate.
The international man-



By IAN ROSS

A PERHAPS over-cantions approach to Wednesday night's European championship European ehampionship qualifying game against Austria in Vienna may have all but ended Northern Ireland's hopes of claiming group four's solitary qualifying place for the final stages in Sweden in 1992.

Nevertheless, the recent feeling of optimism was inflated rather than punctured by the rostitus aspects of a workman. positive aspects of a workman-like performance. But such has been the decline of Austrian football of late, that it it was, in truth, a disappointment.
Billy Bingham, the team manager, said: "If we can achieve results like this one, and not lose When the strength of their ricocheted from Durie's knee.

Against that it has to be a second to

IN A spirit of friendship that was hardly evident throughout Wednesday evening's bitchy encounter in the Grand Duchy, Luxembourg generously offered yesterday to speak out on behalf of Clayton Blackmore, the Wales player win was sent off in the twelfth minute of their European championship qualifying the for violent conduct. He faces a suspension of two or three matches.

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Wales New 12 Germany 2. our home games, we can start qualifying for the major finals once again."

Bingham, quite rightly, was lavish in his praise of his young team. "Although I did feel that the result was a good one, the real bonus was the manner in which players like Gerry Taggart and Paul Kee equipped them-

covered until it ricocheted from McKimmie's intercepting leg.

In other areas, the Scots reaped the rewards of their own tactical awareness. They defended from the front so that the mented by an unexpected draw in Bulgaria, all the more gratifying because it was preceded by a quite ridiculous number of withdrawals from the Scottish squad because of injury.

"There is a o doubt," Rosburgh said yesterday, "that it was the most difficult build-up with which they conceded mid-field possession was a tribute to the harassing qualities of McIvally, the swareness of unities his manager, Alan McDonald, the Queen's Park Rangers centre back and team captain, was willing to concede that Northern Ireland's remaining to the part of the harassing qualities of McInally, the awareness of McAllister and the willingness of Durie and Boyd to make themselves available in wide ing qualifying fixtures are now academic affairs. "It is difficult to see any side other than Yugoslavia winning the group

Group four

have the level of call-offs that we had, plus the fact that they were people who were extremely experienced, as well as the hostile environment and the quality of the opposition we were op against, I think it reflects great credit on the lads who came into the team."

In such a context, Scotland required luck and they had it. The build-up to McCoist's early and vital goal was punctuated by the linesman flagging for offside against a Scotlish player who, television replays showed, turned out to be McCoist.

However, the Austrian referee was absolutely correct to permit play to cominue because Boyd did not pass the ball to any of his colleagues but played it forward himself, giving McCoist time to move back onside and be in position to steer the ball into the



Riveting stuff: Morris says his team's specialty is excitement in the penalty box

Booking a place on the map

A FAVOURITE concern of football managers is "putting the club on the map". So imagine the delight of Halesowen Town when they were drawn at home to Tranmere Rovers in the first round of the FA Cup tomorrow.

The Beazer Homes League premier division club, which lies to the west of Birmingham, had reached the first round for the past five seasons but each time when drawn against League opposition the finger of the route-finder traced a trail to an away venue. FAVOURITE concern of

an away venue.

In 1986-87, Halesowen were beaten 4-1 at Southend United; in 1988-89, they lost 2-0 at Brentford. Last season, they went down 1-0 to Cardiff City at Ninian Perk

John Morris, the manager, reckons Halesowen were un-lucky at Cardiff and relishes the chance of a home tie at The Grove before an all-ticket crowd of 5,000. "Our gates have been 1,500 to 1,600 in the league," he said. "I think they are attracted by a nice little footballing side. We encourage football, always

offered to give evidence on behalf of the Manchester United

player. But since neither refuted that an offence of a physical

nature had been committed (though Philipp conceded that his player's response was theatrical), Ucfa is likely to see it

as nothing more than a belated display of camaraderic. Uefa will make a decision on

the term of the suspension —
Blackmore was also booked
against Belgium last month —
after they have studied the
report of Jiri Unich, the Czecho-

slovak referee. Des Shanklin, chairman of the Wales FA international committee, said that it would appeal only if it was a three-match suspension.

Blackmore deserves and got little sympathy from Terry

ICE HOCKEY

Blackmore finds

unexpected allies

tons of soil, a 420-seat stand built, a 12st perimeter sence erected and new boardroom, kitchen and toilets installed. The sale of Tim Clarke to Coventry City for £25,000 has meant the main playing prob-lem has been finding a goal-

likely to let in a few. We try to keeper for tomorrow. Kevin Williams, from Dudley, is cuptied, so the place will be filled by Ian Scarr, who joined the club after moving from Lancaster. give punters what they want: excitement in the penalty box." Halesowen's record is one of steadily rising achievement dating from the mid-1980s when they won the West Midland league title four times in succession and they three times reached Wembley in FA Vase finals. They lost 1-0 to VS Rugby in 1983 but in 1985 beat Fleetwood Town 3-1 and in 1986 Southall 3-0. A man to watch in attack is Kevin Harrison, of whom Mor-ris paints an affectionate por-

trait of a man who slaps on Walkman headphones on the team coach in trance-like preparation for a transforma-Last season, Halesowen won the Midland division of the John King's Tranmere have earned a reputation for playing some of the most cultivated football in the third division. Beazer Homes League and have occupied a mid-table position in the premier division this season.

Off the field, under the eye of Harry Rudge — "Mr Football, we call him", Mottis said — the chib has followed a path of self-

Morris, however, said: "I'd bave preferred to play a team from down south rather than up, north. I believe lads down south club has followed a path of self-improvement appropriate to its by a nice little footballing side. playing ambitions. A 5ft 6in we encourage football, always slope from side to side on the score a few goals and are always pitch was levelled with the aid of in the middle a little bit."

Villa sign Czech for £300,000

ASTON Villa have completed the signing of Ivo Stas, the Czechoslovak international, from Banik Ostrava in a £300,000 deal. Jozef Venglos, the Villa manager, planned to fly back from Prague with Stas last night.

Villa are unlikely to put the 25-year-old straight into first division action at Norwich on Saturday. John Ward, the assistant manager, said: "I have been

tant manager, said: "I have been told all has been settled by our secretary Steve Stride, who was in Prague helping to finalise the details."

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Stephen Tataw, the Cameroon World Cup captain, is joining Brighton on trial and will play for their reserves when international clearance is received. Tataw, aged 27, a central defender, has been training with Queen's Park Rangers.

Bernard Tapie, the multimillionaire charman of French first division champions Marseilles, has been reprimanded by the European football body Uefa for alleging a referee had been bribed when Marseilles lost to a disputed goal against Benefica in the European Cup semi-finals.

Watford have signed David Byrne, aged 29, the Plymouth Argyle winger in a £50,000 deal. Byrne started his career with non-league Kingstonian before joining Gillingham. He normally plays on the right wing.

TENNIS

Agassi threatens further rupture in world circuit

From Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent FRANKFURT

By withdrawing after he had signed a contract in play, Agassi risks being fined \$25,000 and being suspended from all of the grand slam tournaments he intends to play next year — the french Open, the US Open and, according to his most recent unterances, Wimbledon. Boris Becker and John McEuroe, who also qualified for the 16-man event, pulled out before signing the application form.

Championships and the Grand Slam Cup — they are in a strong bargaining position never conditions of the tour.

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A terse 16-word statement

A terse lo-word statement issued by the International Management Group, Agassi's agents, said that Agassi "after careful consideration", had de-cided to withdraw from the cup. Under their code of conduct, the Grand Slam Committee, which consists of the four grand which consists of the four grand slam chairmen, can ban the American from one or mnre grand slams, suspend him from next year's Grand Slam Cup, and impose a fine of up to \$25,000. The committee will come under strong pressure from the promoters of the Grand Slam Cup, who are anxious to prevent any other defections, to use their disciplinary powers quickly and in plinary powers quickly and in the full. That could bring retal-iatory action from the Associ-ation of Tennis Professionals (ATP), the masters of the pro-

fessional tour.

Given the air of suspicion between the ATP and the ITF, it will not have gone unnoticed at the ITF's headquarters in London that Agassi's announce-ment has come in the middle of the ATP world championships, the climax to the year-long ATP tour. One of the chief criticisms of the Grand Slam Cup was that

it detracted from these championships. ITF officials last night were busy trying to contact the grand slam chairmen to arrange a disciplinary meeting and to speak to Agassi about the consequences of his withdrawal. Unless he produces a good reason for his withdrawal, Agassi could unwittingly have

THE decision by Andre Agassi to pull ont of the Grand Slam Cup, the £3 million tournament backed by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and scheduled for Munich next month, could have serious implications for the already delicate health of international tennis.

By withdrawing after he had Slam Cup — they are in a strong

on the tour, has to play only eight ATP events — the grand slams are not tour events — next year, which is close in the ideal

year, which is close in the wanted number he said he wanted earlier in the year. Ever the perfectionist, Lendl was not sure that the system was fair. "I'm not sure it's fair that fair. "I'm not sure it's fair that all the players in these championships should play less. The younger ones should play more, the older ones less. If Agassi plays for the next three years, he'll only have to play eight tournaments by the time he is 23. It's fairer to do it on length of service," he said.

Lend's match with Andres Gomez at the ATP champion-Gomez at the ATP champion-ships yesterday marked the official beginning of the information age in tennis. For the first time a match was scored under a new system devised by IBM to provide information on service breaks, aces, points won and lost on service and 1,001 bits of statistical information computer to provide the "brave beginning of a historical database for tenais".

• Gabriela Sabatini should o Gabriela Sabatini should have beaten Jana Novotna in a hnur at the Virginia Slims ehampionships, but she required another 90 minutes as she allowed the Czechoslovak back into the match. After leading by a set and 5-2, Sabatini had to save four match points.

GOLF

Mansell chips in to support Silva

From John Hennessy in montpellier

NIGEL Mansell emerged yes- under par. Price, with a praiseterday as the hero not of a motor worthy birdle at the 108th hole, racing event but of a golf drew level with Juan Anglada on tournament. It was thanks to a present of £5,000 from the iard on countback.

present of £5,000 from the British driver that Daniel Silva, a friend, was able to play in the PGA European Tour qualifying school here.

The young Portuguese, the only tournament player in his conntry, repaid Mansell's generosity by running away with the six-round event to win by six strokes. This achievement carries a prize of £6,200, once the player has proved his commitment to the Tour by playing in The cut fell cleanly on 441.

player has proved his commitment to the Tour by playing in
nine tournaments next season.

The unlikely link between the
two is that Mansell, whose
competitive spirit is as fierce on
a golf course as on a race track, is
the president of Pine Cliffs,
Silva's club in the Algarve.

The second card went to Phil
Price, of Wales, who so far
surpassed his expectation that
he would have been satisfied,
when he arrived here, with the
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The bare statistics are that Silva, with a round of 70 at Massane, firnished on 424, eight the first silval with a 79.

LEADING 50 QUALIFIERS

The cut fell cleanly on 441, thereby dispensing with the usual nerve racking, if inconve-

As the wind blew stronger the scores rose correspondingly higher, offering an unexpected lifeline to some.

They included, precisely on 441, Roger Winchester and Keith Jones, former English and

nient, play-off.

Long books ticket for world championships By CRAIG LORD

ZARA Long turned the clock hard for this and done a halfback a year to win two national taper to get the qualifying times titles in personal best times last I needed." Richard Maden, night and book her ticket to aged 18, from Roehdala Australia, where the world Aquabears, caused an upset in championships will be held in the 100 metres breaststroke by January.

Long, aged 20, from Beck-Gillingham and James Parrack.

January.

Long, aged 20, from Beckenham, showed superb form to retain her titles in the 400 first national senior title metres medley and 100 metres.

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retain her titles in the 400 metres medley and 100 metres freestyle within an hour of each other at the TSB national championships at Coventry.

Long, the youngest member of Britain's Olympic team at Los Angeles and now an experienced international, left weak opposition in her wake over the first quarter of the 400 metres medley.

A strong breaststroke leg gave Long a 12-metre lead and the race, if not her selection for Perth, was won. She tired over the last 20 metres of the race, but held on to clock 4min 50.65sec.

1.11sec inside the world championship qualifying time.

After victory in the 400 metres from Kinwait, Saltan Al Otaibi, and the selection for Kinwait, Saltan Al Otaibi, and the selection for Rerth, was won. She tired over the last 20 metres of the race, but held on to clock 4min 50.65sec.

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The three-race series will contested at the Monaco, British and Belgian grands prix. At the first two races the winning owner will receive a Jaguarsport XJR-S 6.0-litre road car.

RUGBY UNION: New Zealand reached the final of the World Classic in Bermuda by beating

Scotland best France, 50-38. HOCKEY: Chris Mayer, of Cannock, is the Poundstretcher

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Germany. Yorath said: "Once you've struck an opponent, you've had it. Clayton is the one who is going to lose out."

Blackmore, who had never been sent off before, had only recently forced his way back into the side and had yet to prove his dependability. But he was not the only offender in a game which paid cynical disregard for the Fifa slogan, "Fair play — that's OK", displayed wishfully beside the two teams during the national anthems. Kevin Ratcliffe, the Wales captain, was one of five players

tain, was one of five players booked and could consider him-self fortunate not to have suf-

fered the same fate as Blackmore.

Title on the line

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Three athletics clubs have re-ceived Post Office Counters coaching awards from a panel of judges which included David Moorcroft, the former world 5,000 metres record holder. Solent were given £904, Phoenix £500 and Cheltenham and County Harriers £219.

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Waverers braced for a weekend of canvassing and consulting

calls from their agents to gauge the reaction in their constit-

uencies to the leadership chall-

enge. This weekend gives them

the chance to widen their

canvassing and to tap constituents' views before making a

Robert Rhodes James, who is standing down as MP for Cam-bridge at the next election, said

Bishop. On Saturday morning I



POLITICAL REPORTER CONSERVATIVE MPs not signed up publicly or covertly to Margaret Thatcher or Michael Heseltine by now will spend a eckend of canvassing, consulting and mulling over their fate under the leadership of either

There is much talk among the "waverers" about listening to the views of local activists, but they are likely to be influenced as much by the strange ballet being performed by the key players over the next four days.

Many of the "den't known" are

Many of the "don't knows" are won't tells", with n band of Heseltine supporters suspected

officials to back Mrs Thatcher. further some MPs admit privately to hedging their bets by promising undying loyalty to both camps. Behind the cover of a secret ballot, the number of Tory MPs who will claim next Wednesday to have picked the winner is expected greatly to

exceed the number that voted. After Sir Geoffrey Howe's appeal in his Commons speech for a European vision for the "young people of today", echoed by many elderly Conservative yesterday: "I will talk to my officers and my successor Mark will talk to real people, walking around the market place, pop-ping into the odd pub and I will as, MPs report greater backing among their younger constituents for Michael Heseltine than from older party workers. During the past few days MPs have relied mostly on telephone

ring up certain people whose opinions I value." Ivor Stanbrook, MP for orpington, said: "In my opinion every MP has made up his mind constituency associations. I prepared the ground by speaking to the officers of my association and finding to my pleasant suprise that at least they are sympathetic to my views that it's time for a

Neil Thorne, MP for liford South, said he was looking for a change of style by Mrs Thatcher. "I have been very loyal to the prime minister since I worked as her personal assistant in 1974," he said. "My interpretation is that the general public are looking for a change of style, not necessarily a change of leader. If that is correct I believe there is no reason why she would not be able to carry on. I am looking myself for a change of style." He also

thought that the perpetual pur-suit of reforms that caused political indigestion was a result of Mrs Thatcher's fear that she would be accused of running out of steam after more than 11 years in office.

Mr Thome added: "The prime minister has also made the mistake of not elevating people to the peerage when they have completed their usefulness as minister. So on her backbenches there are a large number of people who are discontented and a large number of wives who think their husbands have been cheated out of high office.

"After 11 years it must be very difficult to maintain popularity among people whom she has had to displace."



Heseltine camp hits back over claims of 5p tax increase

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Heseltine and his supporters hit back yesterday at claims by the Thatcher camp that his proposals on poll tax would mean increases in income tax of

up to 5p in the pound. Mr Heseltine's supporters said yesterday that it was totally wrong to talk about 5p tax increases, and accused the prime minister's supporters of using "phoney figures". In a speech in Scotland meanwhile Mr Heseltine said that the poll tax on its own was capable of losing the election for the Conscrvative party. It was a matter of the cabinet changing its

priorities.
Michael Forsyth, the Scottish minister, in a letter to his constituency chairman, quoted a speech by Mr Heseltine only two years ago in which he criticised the idea of shifting expenditure from local authorities to central government and said the commensurate savings in local authority expenditure were never made. That, Mr Forsyth said, was an example of why he would be voting for Mrs. Thatcher's consistent approach.

The arguments over poll tax and what can be done to reform it have become the centrepiece of Mr Heseltine's campaign to persuade

no sighting was made of Michael

Even Cecil Parkinson, the trans-

port secretary, who arrived in windswept Glasgow yesterday to

declare his support for Mrs

Thatcher, was asked where the

former defence secretary was. He

said he had no idea. By funchtime a horde of pressmen were sub-

jected to furious demands from

their news editors, but still nobody

It is believed that Mr Heseltine

left the city's Holiday Inn and

dashed to a secret rendezvous at

an Edinburgh restaurant. Here, it

is said, he assessed his support

among Scottish MPs with at least

one local newspaper editor in

Heseltine surfaced in the Vic-

torian Lanark Memorial Hall to

address a rally in support of Carol

Goodman, the local Tory can-

didate. To the reporters' disgust, it was mostly the same old stuff

about Scotland's rosy future under

another Conservative govern-

ment. There wasn't even the

diversion of the heckling seen at

Paisley the previous evening, just

polite applause from the solid

Most of the 200 people looked

Shortly after 3.30pm Mr

knew exactly where he was.

Heseltine.

They seek him here,

they seek him there

ON THE second day of his visit to on in shock when the hall doors

Scotland, the would-be leader of were finally opened to allow in the

the Conservative party proved to cameramen. It was, said one

be unusually coy. Panic spread "utterly unbelievable". Mr Hesel-

Tory MPs that be has the best chance of leading them to election victory, and ministers have set out to undermine his efforts.

At prime minister's question time on Tuesday, Teddy Taylor, a Conservative backbencher, used the 5p figure. Mrs Thatcher agreed it would mean a "huge increase" in income tax.

Mr Heseltine yesterday criticised people who sought to "cloud the issue" by talking about tax in-creases which he had no intention of bringing about. Pointedly say-ing he had consulted the Commg he had consumed the commons library, the authority quoted in the Commons by Mr Taylor for his figures, he said on BBC Radio 4's World at One programme. The amount of money that is raised locally by the poll tax is something in the order of £14 billion. Something like 40 per cent represents education costs.

If you were to move part of that or all of that to the central exchequer away from the commumity charge, it would reduce the community charge by something like 40 per cent." He added; "Of course the money would have to come over a period of time from

growth in the economy. John Major, the Chancellor,

peared to be his set speech for the

Scots. The chairman of the meet-

ing then called for questions and

Mr Heseltine took the opportunity

to drop his latest sweetner, a drop

in income tax. The press sighed

with relief, checked their notes,

asked if Mr Heseltine would now

first Conservative leader to be

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spending of about £200 billion a year and predicted a growth in the economy of about 2 per cent a year, providing about £4 billion a year of extra real-term resources.

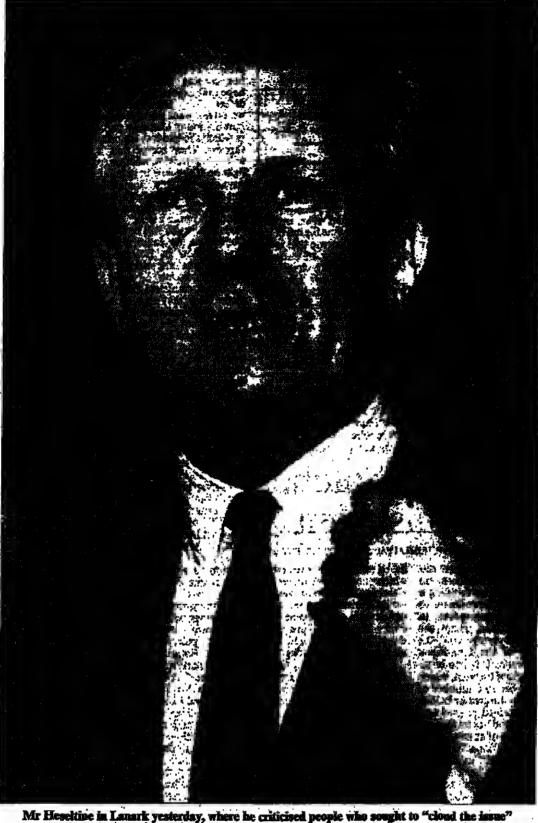
The Heseltine camp said Mr Heseltine's scheme for poll tax reform, which he would put to the cabinet to consider, was based on one put to Mrs Thatcher's cabinet by Sir Keith Joseph in 1982. It involved the state taking over 75 per cent of educational spending. with tight restrictions on local authorities' ability to spend the money on anything else. The ultimate goal would be to move towards what Mrs Thatcher herself sought, more specialisation by opted-out schools.

As for the finance requires there would be a saving of the £4 billion being poured into exemp-tions and rebates on the poil tax, quite apart from what could be spared from economic growth.

John MacGregor, the leader of the Commons, said there was nothing new in Mr Heseltine's proposals. Both he and Mr Major insisted that if education expenditure was taken off the community charge then either taxes would have to be increased or there would be less to spend on health, law and order and defence.

Mr MacGregor said that with the tax increase option "the danger is that you will simply increase the combined burden on the tax and community charge payer". He added: "Experience suggests that local authorities would not reduce their community charge by the same amounts as would be financed from central taxation but would succeptitiously increase their own spending".

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Americans slow to realise something's up

In this most bizarre of leadership election campaigns the FOR 11 turbulent years Margaret proceedings were halted to allow a Thatcher has been America's most raffle to take place. Mr Heseltine stalwart ally. At the risk of being said he was glad that the press had called the White House poodle, all been bludgeoned into buying she has nurtured and cherished raffle tickets, but at least they the "special relationship" above could claim the cost back on all others. After the bombing of Libya, during the invasions of Mr Parkinson, who had osten-Grenada and Panama, and now in sibly travelled to Scotland to the Gulf her public support for support the Tory candidate in the Washington has never wavered. Paisley by-elections, immediately The most remarkable aspect of US dismissed The Times/Mori poll reaction to her present predicashowing that a win by Michael

ment, however, is how little alarm Heseltine would give the Tories n there is. ten-point lead. Asked what Mrs Thatcher's "The poll had no real relevance at all," he said. Tory MPs would not be "bounced" by it. "We have a very successful leader who has departure would mean for Anglo-American relations, one senior administration official replied earlier this week: "Nobody is reckonmade history. She was the first ing it's a real possibility. We never woman leader, the first woman prime minister of Britain and the

underestimate Mrs Thatcher ... can papers as a dashing, ambitious We are not rushing out and millionaire with a taste for the drafting contingency papers."

In the United States at large, Mrs Thatcher still enjoys almost Churchillian status and the idea of her being removed from power is almost inconceivable. But even in Washington, said Brad Roberts, editor of Washington Quarterly, "there's an underlying complacency that this is not a serious threat to her".

By yesterday the administration was finally beginning to realise that the Iron Lady was not, in fact, invincible. Another official admitted: "It's taken quite a while for the realisation to set in that there's something going on." Michael-Heseltine is portrayed in Ameri-

the Nationalists and 2 per cent for

The poll found that that voting

intention with Mrs Thatcher as

leader of the party was Labour

45%; Conservatives 41%; Liberal Democrats 10%; Nationalists 2%

In otjer words, a 4 per cent

Labour lead would be turned into

a 10 per cent Conservative lead.

The findings put Conservative

leaders in a quandary. Although they welcomed the idea that the Labour lead could have been

slashed so dramatically, they

could not afford to give credence

to a survey that suggested Mr

vote-winner for the party than Mrs Thatcher.

gued that the poll showed that the party had pulled round under Mrs Thatcher and was closing the gap

on Labour thanks to her efforts,

this was not borne out by the

survey's other findings about the

relative perceptions of her and Mr

While some Conservatives ar-

line was a far more potent.

the first for many months.

flamboyant gesture, but there is nothing he has said or done which sets alarm bells ringing here. What is starting to concern officials is the possible loss of Mrs Thatcher at the height of the Gulf

emergency. President Bush, somewhat distant in his early relations with the prime minister, has come to depend heavily on her support since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, and her stock with him has never been higher. Although Mr Heseltine has promised no change in Britain's Gulf policy, the administration would not expect the same robust and outspoken rheto-

"distressing", one official said. "Mrs Thatcher's unqualified and strong support and leadership in response to the Gulf crisis would be a major factor in any evaluation of her current situation," another said.

Beyond that, many independent experts believe Mr Heseltine's ascendancy would actually remove a source of increasing friction between Washington and London, which is Mrs Thatcher's hostility to closer European integration. Jacquelyn Davis, executive vice-president at the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, said: "She's making a grave mistake on the European Community and in her attitude to Euro-

Ashdown welcomes 'the end of an era?

By ROBERT MORGAN PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

THE Thatcher era is coming to an end, whatever happens in next Tuesday's Conservative purty leadership election, Paddy Ash-down, the Liberal Democrat lead-

er, said last night.

The debate should centre on what a post-Thatcherite government of reconstruction must do, whether Margaret Thatcher "lost or himped on" to the next election. Mr Ashdown said at Exeter university: "The new situation creates enormous opportunities for our country."

He outlined his plans for a radical reform of the tax and benefits system and proposed a "citizen's income". He dismissed Labour's idea of a minimum wage as a hangover from old thinking. and suggested state support for all on low incomes or no incomes from students to the elderly.

Under his plan every citizen would receive an unconditions basic or citizen's income related only to age and family status, and irrespective of work or marital status. It would establish a minimum income below which no one would fall, a basic entitlement for

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Mr Ashdown admitted that his plan would put a burden on taxpayers, but argued that it could be introduced gradually, replacing tax allowances and many social security benefits. It would also replace the "inconsistent mess" of grants and loans given to students.

Peers believe contest damaging

Lord St John of Fawsley, formerly the Conservative MP for Chelmsford, Norman St John-Stevas, yesterday dismissed the leadership contest as a constitutional monstrosity.

MOSE TOTY Deers have distanced themselves from the contest although their general view will be reported on Monday to the executive of the 1922 committee. Lords sources predicted yesterday that backbeach peers broadly support the status quo and believe the contest is damaging.

Lord St John said. No parallel

exists in our history: the attempt to remove by non-parliamentary means a reigning Prime Minister in full possession of her physical and mental strength who has no intention of resigning."

Saatchi verdict

A television advertising expert yesterday gave Michael Heseltine the edge for Tuesday's election. Hugh Impie, head of corporate communications at Seatchi & Saatchi, which in the past has helped Mrs Thatcher to election victory, believes that Mr Heseltine could win on the strength of his television appearances. Ken MacKinnon, principal lecturer in media studies at North London Polytechnic, also believes that Mr Heseltine has public appeal.

MPs say Times poll will affect contest dramatically

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MPs AGREED yesterday that the Mori poll carried in all but the crucial to the leadership battle, however, was the polling in-tentions of respondents if Mr Heseltine led the party. earliest editions of The Times could have a crucial impact on the Forty-nine per cent would vote for the Conservatives, 39 per cent for Labour, 7 per cent for the Liberal Democrats, 2 per cent for

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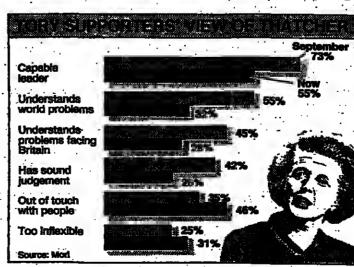
leadership election.

Wavering Tories struck by its findings, which imply that the Conservatives could regain the lead in national opinion polls by choosing Michael Heseltine as leader of the party, will await anxiously corroboration from other surveys this weekend. Cabinet ministers seeking to rally support for Margaret Thatcher, however, dismissed the poll as unreliable in the fevered at-

mosphere of the leadership

The Mori poll, conducted on Thursday after nominations for the leadership battle closed, involved face-to-face interviews with 1,088 people, of whom 915 expressed a voting intention. The researchers found that 45 per cent of respondents would vote for Labour if Mrs Thatcher remained Tory leader, 41 per cent would vote for the Conservatives, 10 per cent for the Liberal Democrats, and 2 per cent for the Nationalists

and for the Greens.
This was remarkable enough, showing a fall of 12 percentage points in the Labour lead since a previous Mori poll in the middle of last month. The finding that is



Heseltine. As the accompanying graphic shows, Mrs Thatcher is less well regarded, even among Conservative supporters, on six key questions than she was in

Privately, the prime minister's supporters confessed their shock at the findings. Publicly, they sought to diminish their impact. David Waddington, the home secretary, said he was not sure if the new poll was reliable and that it needed to be treated with caution.

"It would be very nice if we were in the lead, but it's a very small sample," he said on the BBC's Breakfast News. "It would be a turn-round from all the recent

Mr Waddington said that the suggested popularity of Michael Heseltine ignored Mrs Thatcher's strong leadership qualities. Kenneth Baker, the Conser-

vative party chairman, said he was "a little suspicious" of the poll findings. After considering the

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between the parties, however, he said: "I must say it is the best poll figure I have seen, the shortest lead I have seen, since I became chairman of the party."

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said: "The poll only shows how the public can change its mind overnight and simply reflects the excitement surrounding the leadership election". He claimed that the poll was not an accurate indicator of public opin-ion, but did add that he was pleased to see that Mrs Thatcher was only a few points behind Mr Kinnock, one of her best performances in months.

The Heseltine camp was being very careful not to crow. Mr Heseltine would not comment. but Dr Keith Hampson, one of his campaign managers, said: "It was a dramatic poll. It highlights what the campaign is all about, and that is winnability."

Robert Worcester, chairman of Mori, defended his firm's poll against the home secretary's criticism: "I am not certain of Mr Waddington's qualifications to criticise sampling design," he said. "I remember that he and his colleagues pointed with some pride to our survey on election day in 1987, when we suggested the Tories would be in government with a majority of just over 100."

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